



Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1903.

MILFORD, MASS.:

G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.

1904.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers.

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

J. M. FRENCH.

Town Clerk.

W. H. JORDAN.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Tax Collector.

Auditor.

E. S. STIMPSON.

A. A. MESSINGER.

Assessors.

W.M. BANCROFT, Term expires 1904.

H. W. BRACKEN, Term expires 1905.

W. S. HAGUE, Clerk, Term expires 1906.

School Committee.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1904.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER, Term expires 1905.

H. W. BRACKEN, Term expires 1906.

Trustees of Public Library.

F. H. FRENCH, Term expires 1904.

ANNA M. BANCROFT, Term expires 1905.

E. L. OSGOOD, Term expires 1906.

Road Commissioners.

*C. M. DAY, Term expires 1904.

G. A. DRAPER, Term expires 1905.

CLARE H. DRAPER, Term expires 1906.

Deceased—C. E. Pierce was appointed March 14, 1903, for unexpired term.

Park Commissioners.

CHARLES F. ROPER, Term expires 1904.

GEORGE OTIS DRAPER, Term expires 1905.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1906.

*Constables.*ROBERT ROSS, ANTOINE MORIN, S. A. ANDREW,
J. M. FRENCH, E. C. BARROWS.*Field Drivers.*SYLVESTER L. MADDEN, J. M. FRENCH,
FRANK GASKILL.*Tree Warden.*

EBEN S. DRAPER.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.*Engineers of Fire Department.*

GEORGE W. JENKINS, Chief.

C. E. PIERCE, 1st Assistant.

F. B. SWEET, Clerk and Treasurer.

*Police Officers.*A. F. FAIRBANKS, CHARLES F. MAYNARD, SAMUEL SNODGRASS,
S. A. STAPLES, C. E. FAIRBANKS, C. C. DOWNING,
WILFRED GASKILL, THOMAS MATTHEWS, GEO. W. JENKINS,
ALEX HOLLIS, SYLVESTER L. MADDEN, WALTER F. DURGIN.*Forest Firewards.*SYLVESTER L. MADDEN, A. A. WESTCOTT, 2d, R. G. GASKILL, JR.,
WILLIAM KELLEY, GEO. W. JENKINS, EDMUND BARROWS,
FRED B. SWEET, CHAS. E. PIERCE, WALTER F. DURGIN,
HALE WATSON.*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*SYLVESTER L. MADDEN, H. B. FISK, A. A. WESTCOTT, 2nd,
W. H. BARNEY, F. A. CARD.*Measurer of Lumber.*

C. E. NUTTING.

Public Weighers.

FOREST W. NICHOLS, T. C. JOHNSTON, H. B. FISK.

Weighers of Coal.

W. H. BARNEY, F. A. CARD.

Inspector of Cattle.

L. B. GASKILL.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

WALDO PHIPPS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHAS. F. MAYNARD.

Town Counsel.

J. A. TAFT.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

THOMAS H. BRADLEY.

Agent Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits.

W. H. JORDAN.

Registrars of Voters.

W. H. GRAYSON, Term expires 1904.

H. F. SEARLES, Term expires 1905.

*IRVING F. ROSS, Term expires 1906.

W. H. JORDAN, Clerk.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.*Superintendent of Schools.*

HERBERT F. TAYLOR.

APPOINTED BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.*Superintendent of Parks.*

WALTER F. DURGIN.

APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.*Librarian.*

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER.

APPOINTED BY ROAD COMMISSIONERS.*Superintendent of Streets.*

CHARLES E. PIERCE.

*Deceased.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Town Records.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester ss:

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the second day of March next, punctually at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, (the polls may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting,) to act upon the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing. The following officers to be voted for upon one written or printed ballot and the use of the check list: Town clerk, treasurer, collector, auditor, selectmen, one road commissioner for three years, overseers of poor, board of health, one assessor to serve three years, one member of the school committee to serve for three years, five constables, one trustee of public library to serve three years, one park commissioner to serve three years, and one tree warden to serve for one year; also to bring in their ballots, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, engineers of the

fire department, and any other officers and committees of said town.

Article 4. To raise such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and appropriate the same.

Article 5. To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1903.

Article 6. To see if the town will appropriate fifty dollars toward defraying the expense of Decoration Day.

Article 7. To see if any discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before the first of September, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see what disposition the town will make of money refunded from county on account of dog tax.

Article 9. To see what compensation the town will allow the collector of taxes for his services.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the park commissioners to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town by reason of their acts as park commissioners.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any money for park purposes, legal expenses, or other expense of the park commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town, except in relation to the acts of park commissioners.

Article 13. To see if the town will authorize the road commissioners to settle the claim of the Grafton & Upton Railroad Co. for damages caused by the construction of the Hope street bridge, appropriate any money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2700, it being the balance due for the

construction of Hope street bridge, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will authorize the road commissioners to purchase a watering cart, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to provide electric lights for the Hope street bridge, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to incorporate in its park system the balance of the lot of land lying northerly and westerly of its present park, received from the town of Milford at the time of the division of said towns, and authorize the park commissioners to take entire control and charge thereof.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to locate a hydrant at the north end of Bancroft Parkway and one near the junction of Freedom and Progress streets, raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will make a special appropriation for the repair of South Main street in said town, or act in any manner relating to the same.

Article 20. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to erect electric lights from the corner of Hopedale and Green streets to the Milford town line on Green street, and appropriate money for the same and act on any matter relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1903.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

S. A. ANDREW,

Constable of Hopedale.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

Hopedale, Feb. 21, 1903.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

SAMUEL A. ANDREW, Constable.

Attest:

W. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1903.

Pursuant to warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at Town Hall, and punctually at nine o'clock were called to order by the clerk of said town, who read the warrant, and under

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. The polls were declared open, and balloting for town officers proceeded.

Article 3. Voted: That the report of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, engineers of the fire department, and all other officers of the town be accepted.

Mr. E. D. Bancroft made a report for the committee appointed to look into the matter regarding better facilities and accommodations for handling the fire apparatus. In brief he stated that the committee had gone into it at some length, that several propositions had been entertained, that those of

the same that were most suitable were also the most expensive, and asked for further time in which to consider.

Article 4. Voted: That the chair appoint a committee of nine, who shall retire and recommend a list of appropriations.

The chair appointed the following committee:—

E. A. Darling,	E. D. Bancroft,	Geo. Otis Draper,
L. B. Gaskill,	F. H. French,	C. E. Pierce,
C. H. Draper,	O. B. Young,	F. J. Dutcher.

Voted: To accept the report of above committee as read by George Otis Draper, chairman, and act upon same item by item.

Voted: Unanimously to raise and appropriate for heating, care, teaching, fuel, supplies, text-books, improvements, repairs and supervision of schools \$14,000 00
 For support of library (Exclusive of dog tax) 2,300 00
 For highway department, general

account \$4,500 00

For highway department, water-
ing streets 1,450 00

For highway department, side-
walks 500 00

————— 6,450 00

For fire department, general ac-
count, including engineers' tele-
phones \$1,475 00

For fire department, forest fires 100 00

For fire department, new hose 175 00

————— 1,750 00

For incidental department 3,000 00

For water for fire purposes 2,200 00

For street lighting (general) 2,300 00

For Town Hall account 500 00

For state and county tax 7,500 00

For use of tree warden 500 00

For poor department 1,200 00

For park department 2,500 00

For payment on the town debt 10,000 00

For interest 1,000 00

Article 5. Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Hopedale, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the town treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of the majority of the board of selectmen a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$30,000.00, (thirty thousand dollars,) and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$50.00 to defray the expense of Decoration Day, said amount to be paid to Post 22, G. A. R.

Article 7. Voted: To allow a discount on taxes of 2 per cent on all paid on or before September 1st.

Article 8. Voted: To turn over to the library the money refunded to the town from county on account of dog tax.

Article 9. Voted: That the collector of taxes be allowed one half of one per cent for his services.

Article 10. Voted: To authorize the park commissioners to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town by reason of their acts as park commissioners.

Article 11. Voted: To pass over this article except the first sentence in regard to the raising and appropriating money for park purposes, which was acted upon under Article 4.

Article 12. Voted: To authorize the selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town, except in relation to the acts of park commissioners.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$2250.00 to settle the claim of the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company for damages caused by the construction of Hope street bridge.

Article 14. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$2700.00, said amount being the balance due for the construction of Hope street bridge.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$125.00 for the purchase of a watering cart for the use of the road commissioners.

Article 16. Voted: To raise and appropriate \$160.00 to provide electric light for the Hope street bridge.

Article 17. Voted: To incorporate into its park system the land described in this article, and authorized the park commissioners to take entire control thereof.

Article 18. Voted: To locate one hydrant at the north end of Bancroft parkway, and one near the junction of Freedom and Progress, the expense of same to come out of the general appropriation of water for fire purposes.

Article 19. Voted: That the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of special needed repairs on South Main street.

Article 20. Voted: 17 to 9 that the article be passed over.

Voted: To close the polls at 1 o'clock p. m.

Punctually at 1 o'clock the town clerk declared the polls closed, and the ballots were counted by the selectmen, the result being declared as follows: License,—4 Yes; 89 No. There were 98 ballots cast for each of the following town officers:—

Town clerk, W. H. Jordan.

Town treasurer, E. D. Bancroft.

Collector, E. S. Stimpson.

Auditor, A. A. Messinger.

Selectmen, overseers of the poor, board of health, and fence viewers, E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, J. M. French.

Assessor for three years, W. S. Hague.

Road commissioner for three years, Clare H. Draper.

School committee for three years, H. W. Bracken.

Trustee of town library for three years, E. L. Osgood.

Constables, Robert Ross, Antoine Morin, J. M. French, S. A. Andrew, E. C. Barrows.

Field drivers, S. Madden, J. M. French, Frank Gaskill.

Tree warden, Eben S. Draper.

Park commissioner for three years, Frank J. Dutcher.

Of the above elected officers, the following were present and were sworn by the town clerk to the faithful performance of their duties:—

E. S. Stimpson, A. A. Messinger, E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, J. M. French, W. S. Hague, S. A. Andrew.

Voted: To dissolve the warrant.

Attest:

W. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

The following persons appeared before the town clerk and took oath of office: A. Morin, March 10th; Clare H. Draper, March 18th.

W. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., March 14, 1903.

According to Section 361, Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, a joint meeting of the selectmen and board of road commissioners of the town of Hopedale was held at the Draper Co. office at 11 o'clock a. m., March 14, 1903, to take action on the vacancy made in the board of road commissioners caused by the death of Mr. C. M. Day.

Mr. E. A. Darling was chosen chairman, and Mr. C. H. Draper, secretary. Mr. Charles E. Pierce was nominated by Mr. George A. Draper to fill out Mr. Day's unexpired term, and was unanimously elected by a formal ballot.

The meeting then adjourned.

C. H. DRAPER, Secretary.

Attest:

W. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT, NOVEMBER 3, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said county,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the third day of November, A. D., 1903, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday, punctually at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the selectmen for governor; lieutenant-governor; secretary; treasurer; auditor; attorney-general; councillor; a senator and two representatives to the General Court; a register of deeds for Worcester district; a county treasurer; a county commissioner for three years and one for two years; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

The polls may be closed at one o'clock on said day of meeting.

At 12 o'clock noon of the above mentioned third day of November, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the above-described inhabitants to act upon the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

Article 3. To hear the report of any committees appointed by the town.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the judgment and legal expenses, in the suit of Patrick vs. Hopedale, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the land lying northerly of Hope street extension and adjoining

the Bancroft library, now owned by the town and purchased of Dr. Fish, for the enlargement of the library lot, or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 17th day of October, A. D. 1903.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,
Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

S. A. ANDREW, Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, October 24, 1903.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

SAMUEL A. ANDREW, Constable.

Attest:

W. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 3, 1903.

Pursuant to warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met in Town Hall, and punctually at six o'clock in the forenoon were called to order by the town clerk, who read the warrant, after which the polls were declared open. The cards of instructions and sample ballots had been previously posted, and the official ballots delivered by the presiding officer to the ballot clerks, who receipted therefor.

The ballot-box registered at 000 and was shown to be empty, and the keys delivered to Constable Robert Ross. The

ballot-clerks and deputy clerks being duly sworn, voting proceeded.

At 12 o'clock noon there was a meeting of the above described inhabitants, and under

Article 1, F. J. Dutcher was chosen moderator.

Article 2. Voted : To accept the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen, which list follows :—

William Bancroft,	George W. Bacon,	H. M. Bates,
Wm. L. Beals,	C. H. Bull,	Wm. H. Cox,
Fred H. Curtis,	James D. Draper,	Edwin C. Esty,
Albion H. French,	Charles M. Fairbanks,	R. G. Gaskill, jr.,
Wm. H. Grayson,	Edwin C. Hall,	John S. Henry,
Ernest Knox,	A. A. Messinger,	Henry W. Moorhouse
Irving F. Ross,	Charles M. Thayer,	Wallace Warner,
A. A. Westcott, 2nd,	David A. Westcott,	Wilmartha A. Westcott
		E. W. Woodbury.

Article 3. Passed: No committee to report.

Article 4. Voted : To appropriate \$4247.12 for the purpose of paying the judgment and legal expenses in the suit of Patrick vs. Hopedale.

Article 5. Voted : To appropriate the land lying north-erly of Hope street extension and adjoining the Bancroft library, now owned by the town and purchased of Dr. Fish, for the enlargement of the library lot.

Voted : To close the polls at 4.36 o'clock, this being the hour of sunset.

At 12.30 o'clock p. m. the ballot-box, which registered 365, was opened by Constable Ross, and the tellers being duly sworn as the law directs, then proceeded to count.

Punctually at 4.36 the polls were declared closed, the ballot-box registered 431, and 431 ballots had been taken therefrom and counted by sworn tellers as the law directs. 431 names were found to have been checked on the voting list, and 431 names on the ballot clerks' list, and the result declared in open meeting was as follows :—

GOVERNOR.

	VOTES.
John L. Bates of Boston, Republican	364
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem, Socialist Labor	2
John C. Chase of Haverhill, Socialist	20
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton, Prohibition	3
William A. Gaston of Boston, Democratic	38
Blanks	4

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury, Socialist	25
Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston, Republican	358
William F. Merrill of Malden, Prohibition	4
Richard Olney, 2d, of Leicester, Democratic	32
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	11

SECRETARY.

Olof Bokelund of Worcester, Socialist	24
John F. Coyle of Lynn, Socialist Labor	3
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston, Prohibition	4
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield, Democratic	31
William M. Olin of Boston, Republican	354
Blanks,	15

TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

John A. Billings of Rockland, Socialist	24
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, Republican	346
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford, Prohibition	7
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield, Socialist Labor	2
Thomas C. Thatcher of Yarmouth, Democratic	31
Blanks	21

AUDITOR.

John H. Hagan of Lynn, Socialist Labor	5
Joseph Orr of Chicopee, Socialist	20
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton, Prohibition	3
Francois X. Tetrault of Southbridge, Democratic	30
Henry E. Turner of Malden, Republican	355
Blanks	18

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John A. Anderson of Gardner, Socialist Labor	4
William J. Carroll of Lowell, Socialist	22
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park, Prohibition	4
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester, Democratic	30
Herbert Parker of Lancaster, Republican	350
Blanks	21

COUNCILLOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Christopher D. Albro of Milford, Prohibition	9
Arthur H. Lowe of Fitchburg, Republican	345
John O'Gara of Spencer, Democratic	28
Henry L. Rice of Fitchburg, Socialist	27
Blanks	22

SENATOR, FIFTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Burrell W. Morse of Oxford, Socialist	25
Edward L. Osgood of Hopedale, Republican	306
Edward H. Taft of Mendon, Prohibition	15
Samuel B. Taft of Uxbridge, Democratic	65
Blanks	20

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT, TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

George P. Cooke of Milford, Democratic	40
Lowell E. Fales of Milford, Republican	323
Charles H. Johnson of Upton, Socialist	27
John S. Nason of Westborough, Republican	293
Walter W. True of Upton, Democratic	36
John Wulf of Milford, Socialist	22
Blanks	121

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, WORCESTER.

Andrew Davidson of Fitchburg, Socialist	28
Jeremiah E. Potter of Clinton, Prohibition	2
Emerson Stone of Spencer, Republican	346
Loren B. Walker of Clinton, Democratic	35
Blanks	20

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, WORCESTER, TO FILL VACANCY.

Gideon M. Aldrich of Uxbridge, Democratic	36
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Warren Goodale of Clinton, Republican	337
Charles K. Hardy of Worcester, Socialist	27
Blanks	31

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY, WORCESTER COUNTY.

George H. Harlow of Worcester, Republican	352
Maurice L. Katz of Worcester, Democratic	30
Thomas F. Maroney of Worcester, Socialist	24
Charles W. Park of Millbury, Prohibition	3
Blanks	22

REGISTER OF DEEDS, WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Herman P. Hopkins of Millbury, Democratic	36
Daniel Kent of Worcester, Republican	356
Blanks	39

COUNTY TREASURER.

Edward A. Brown of Worcester, Republican	347
John Metcalfe of Worcester, Prohibition	3
Nicholas J. Mooney of Worcester, Democratic	32
Henry E. Potter of Fitchburg, Socialist	27
Blanks	22

After the reading of the above by the presiding officer, Chairman Darling, the warrant was dissolved by the moderator. The check lists used by the selectmen and the ballot-clerks, together with the canceled and unused ballots and tally sheets, were sealed and delivered to the town clerk, the returns were made out and signed and made ready for mailing.

Attest: W. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

CLERKS' MEETING.**10TH WORCESTER REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.****COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

Worcester, ss.

Hopedale, Nov. 13, 1903.

In compliance with the law, we, the undersigned town clerks of Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Upton and Westborough, which towns comprise the Tenth Worcester Representative

District, met at Hopedale Town House, selectmen's room, at 12 o'clock noon, and compared the returns of votes cast in said towns on Nov. 3, 1903, for two representatives to the next general court to be holden at Boston.

Said returns were made to us as the law directs, and were given in at legal meetings held in said towns on Nov. 3rd, 1903, and were for the following persons, namely:—

	Upton.	Westboro.	Hopedale.	Milford.	Mendon.	Total
George P. Cooke, of Milford, Dem.,	75	131	40	859	27	1132
Lowell E. Fales, of Milford, Rep.,	186	363	323	582	69	1523
Charles H. Johnson, of Upton, Soc.,	18	29	27	90	8	172
John S. Nason, of Westboro, Rep.,	158	413	293	497	68	1429
Walter W. True, of Upton, Dem.,	146	141	36	777	29	1129
John Wulf, of Milford, Soc.,	5	17	22	115	8	167
Will. E. Southland,				1		1
Blanks,	142	200	121	497	51	1011
 Total,						6564

Lowell E. Fales of Milford and John S. Nason of Westborough, having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them certificates of election were issued, also a duplicate was sent to the secretary of the Commonwealth, as the law directs.

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned clerks of Upton, Westborough, Hopedale, Milford, and Mendon, hereto set our hands this 13th day of November, 1903.

Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON, Town Clerk of Upton,
JOSEPH S. GATES, Town Clerk of Westborough,
WM. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk of Hopedale,
JOHN T. MCLoughlin, Town Clerk of Milford,
HORACE C. ADAMS, Town Clerk of Mendon.

JURORS DRAWN.

A. A. Westcott, 2nd, grand juror, Jan. 3, 1903.

John S. Henry, traverse juror, Feb. 20, 1903.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.

106 male, 8 female. Amount sent to county treasurer,
\$229.20.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1903.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	MARRIAGE.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
1903					
Jan. 1,	Fulton Spinney, jr., Gerildene Sanderson,	Hopedale, Uxbridge, Mass.,	23 20	1st 1st	Rev. Frank A. Everett
" 6,	John J. Mulkerns, Therese E. Karle,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	41 41	2nd 2nd	James O. Fallon, J.P.
" 28,	Charles A. Hammond, Nina W. Parsons,	Hopedale, N Brookfield Mass	30 22	1st 1st	Rev. C. J. Hawkins.
Feb. 23,	Andrea Ferkdenzi, Lucia Pessotte,	Milford, Mass., Hopedale,	29 23	1st 1st	Rev. John P. Phelan.
Mar. 21,	Eldric Chapdelaine, Mary De Luhl,	Hopedale, Albion, R. I.,	38 27	2nd 2nd	Rev. A. D. Bernard.
Apr. 29,	James W. Regan, Lucy A. Buckley,	Hopedale, So. Natick, Mass.,	21 19	1st	Rev. P. B. McManus.
May 5,	Davis H. Gould, Lillian M. Alger,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	24 18	1st	Rev. D. T. Magill.
" 24,	William H. Davis, Selma I. Roeltgen,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	26 17	1st	Rev. W. S. Danker.
June 3,	Archibald R. Davis, Hazel W. Harris,	Hopedale, Holden, Mass.,	21 21	1st	Rev. V. E. Tomlinson
" 16,	Stephen F. Smith, Minnie A. Hooker,	Hopedale, Milford, Mass.,	29 23	1st	Rev. F. A. Warfield.
" 30,	Daniel E. Baldwin, Etta E. Crowley,	Hopedale, Holliston, Mass.,	26 27	1st	Rev. R. J. Quinlan.
" 30,	Bertrand E. Knight, Florence B. Downing,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	31 26	1st	Rev. L. G. Wilson.
Aug. 11,	John E. Laycock, Mary A. Shattuck,	Worcester, Mass., Hopedale,	29 19	1st	Rev. Vincent Ravi.
" 18,	Warren D. Stimpson, Bessie J. Blood,	Hopedale, Milford, Mass.,	23 23	1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney.
Sept. 1,	John W. Davis, Nellie M. Adams,	Hopedale, Lowell, Mass.,	22 24	1st	Rev. Fred M. Pickles
" 3,	Arthur E. Weekes, Bessie M. Flanders,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	20 19	1st	Rev. D. T. Magill.
" 14,	Charles H. Jewett, Eleanor P. Grinnell,	Hopedale, Bath, Me.,	41 25	2nd 1st	Rev. Omar W Folsom
" 16,	Louis I. Howes, Alice F. Hallett,	Hopedale, Waltham, Mass.,	35 29	1st	Rev. Fred. A. Taylor.
" 22,	Frank O. Wadman, Myra L. Davis,	Hopedale, Upton, Mass.,	28 28	1st	Rev. Carl G. Horst.
" 23,	Archie Miller, Rose Wheeler,	Hopedale, Mendon, Mass.,	23 17	1st	Rev. L. G. Wilson.
Oct. 6,	Everett S. Wood, Ella M. Howes,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	25 20	1st	Rev. W. S. Danker.
Nov. 17,	Lee M. Waldron, Maud E. Hall,	Hopedale, Upton, Mass.,	19 17	1st	Rev. John J. Walker.
Dec. 24,	Franklin W. Pond, Emerline Pike,	Hopedale, Milford, Mass.,	52 54	2nd	Rev. Rich'd B. Esten.
" 31,	James F. Leonard, Nellie C. Kelley,	Hopedale, Holliston, Mass.,	27 27	1st	Rev. R. J. Quinlan.
" 31,	Elwood L. Brown, Caroline Wheeler,	Hopedale, Mendon, Mass.,	22 17	1st	Rev. D. T. Magill.

BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1901 Sept. 23	Francis Edward Duquette,	Israel and Margaret (Roach).
1903 Jan. 1	Georgia Mildred Johnson,	John M. and Josephine (Burt).
" 7,	Vern Wyman Plant,	George A. and Jennie E. (Spring).
" 8,	Howell Carleton Nealey,	Howell F. and Pearl M. (Philpot).
" 9,	Lura Flibbott,	Thomas and Melvina (Croteau).
" 9,	Ada Flibbott,	Thomas and Melvina (Croteau).
" 14,	John Joseph O'Neil,	Michael F. and Elizabeth F. (Minon).
" 17,	Mildred Nettie Simpson,	George F. and Ethel M. (Burroughs).
" 18,	Charles Seymour Macomber,	Charles S. and Mary E. (Shea).
" 28,	Walter Ashton Johnson,	Walter and Lucy (Ashton).
Feb. 18,	Elizabeth Brown Ball,	William G. and Susan O. (Lane).
" 22,	Mary Annie Smith,	John J. and May A. (Keeley).
" 27,	Merton Frederick Jaques,	Frederick A. and Jane L. (Lynds).
" 28,	Stephen Otis King,	George R. and Lucy C. (Chase).
Mar. 13	Margaret Spaulding,	Fred A. and Gertrude M. (Reade).
" 15,	Madeleine Christene Galloway,	John and Agnes L. B. (Fahey).
" 19,	Evelyn Viola Watson,	Gilman R. and Margaret (Dahl).
Apr. 2,	Embry Fisher Marsh,	Stanley E. and Estelle (Benson).
" 14,	Kenneth Banford Bryant,	Harry W. and Alice A. (Bates).
" 20,	William Frederick Mahoney,	William F. and Annie L. (Wilbur).
" 22,	Benjamin Joseph Harris,	John J. and Mary E. (Flannigan).
May 10,	Marion Christine Huff,	Nelson L. and Etta (Miller).
" 11,	Marion Jeannette Whiteley,	Frederick P. and Jessie M. (Brown).
" 13,	Mabel Louise Forbes,	Hervert C. and Frances L. (Savage).
" 15,	Joseph John Burroughs,	Joseph W. and Lydia M. (King).
" 16,	Martha Mabel Decoster,	Charles L. and Minetta L. (Bradley).
" 20,	Margaret Isabella Lury,	Joseph and Margaret (Moore).
" 31,	Raymond Monahan,	James A. and Mary (McGowan).
June 4,	Waldo Lloyd Davis,	Harry A. and Minnie A. (Libby).
" 4,	Arthur Henry Spofford,	Edson E. and Annie A. (Fuller).
" 10,	Charles Sherman Howard, Jr.,	Charles S. and Rose L. (La Verdure).
" 17,	Alice Cordelia Bateson,	Joseph J. and Alice (Katerry).
" 26,	Therese May Mulkerns,	John J. and Therese E. (Neukirch).
" 28,	Mavis Goulding Hall,	Charles F. and Susan A. (Goulding).
July 2,	John Joseph Lerck,	Louis E. and Margaret A. (Gaffney).
" 18,	Marion Frances LaRhette,	Harvey A. and Lena M. (Underwood).
Aug. 3,	Solomon Wallace Stewart,	Charles E. and Isabel H. (Montrose).
" 4,	John Henry Duquette,	Israel and Margaret (Roach).
" 18,	Charles Henry Miller,	George O. and Sarah F. (Evans).
" 24,	Ralph Edward Lundy,	William F. and Jennie A. (Vaughn).
Sept. 6,	Theodore Findlay MacLauchlan,	John M. and Alice M. (Findlay).
" 11,	Emery Stanley Barrows,	Elden E. and Cora M. (Munger).
" 11,	Robert Elliott Esty,	Edwin C. and Emma E. (Hunter).
Nov. 25	Arthur Tanguay, Jr.,	Arthur and Abbie B. (Howard).
" 30,	Frederick Kenneth Lane,	Frederick P. and Mabel P. (Heath).
Dec. 9,	Ethel Marion Caughey,	John W. and Ethel M. (Chapin).
" 18,	Margaret Elizabeth Collins,	Amos and Anna (Babcock).
" 24,	Cynthia Elizabeth Sears,	Fred and Annie (Vaughn).

The following births were not reported to the town clerk until after the above list was printed:—

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1903 June 4,	Lila Frances Fuller,	George A. and Mabel O. (Barrows).
" 9,	Alson Proctor Taylor,	Herbert F. and Lillian E. (Thatcher).
Aug. 15	Leon Austin Wise,	Leon A. and Lenora (Wilson).
Nov. 14	Roscoe Stanley Steere,	Enoch and Anna J. (Donohue).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1903.

DATE.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
		Y	M	D		
1903						
Jan. 16,	Louisa H. Cook,	73	10	9	Heart Disease,	Mendon, Mass.
" 19,	Minnie C. Adams,	46	2	0	Acute Pancreatitis,	Providence, RI
" 29,	John Sheridan,	47	0	0	Phtisis,	Milford, Mass.
" 30,	Minnie L. Gaskill,	39	11	9	Nephritis and Pneumonia	Mendon, Mass.
Feb. 4,	Nettie A. Graves,	32	6	30	Pneumonia—Diphtheria,	Milford, Mass.
" 21,	Charles M. Day,	48	0	18	Apoplexia,	Milford, Mass.
Mar. 14,	Carl M. Smith,	1	3	4	Broncho-Pneumonia,	New Brunswick
" 16,	Margaret Spaulding,	0	0	3	Hemorrhage of Stomach,	Hopedale.
" 27,	Mary M. Patrick,	85	9	6	Diseases Incident to Age,	North'ro Mass
Apr. 2,	Sarah B. Holbrook,	82	4	26	Senility—Bronchitis,	Swanzey, N. H.
" 2,	Annie L. Dunning,	72	11	27	Chronic Dementia,	Portsm'th, NH
" 11,	Waldo A. Sears,	0	7	22	Pneumonia,	Hopedale.
May 14,	Ida H. Gaskill,	0	5	28	Whoop. Cough—Pn'monia	Hopedale.
June 25,	Elmer E. Welch,	41	1	7	Ch'r'n. Int'stitial Nephritis	New York State
" 28,	John A. Phillips,	71	7	18	Heart Disease,	Philada., Pa.
Aug. 24,	Edna F. Daigle,	29	1	17	Phtisis-Pulmonalis,	Oakland, R. I.
Sept. 11,	Marion F. LaRrette,	0	1	24	Acute Inanition,	Hopedale.
" 12,	Lura Flibbott,	0	8	8	Basilar Meningitis,	Hopedale.
" 20,	Hugh E. Lyons,	1	4	21	Cholera Infantum,	Hopedale.
" 26,	Albert Murdock,	59	7	17	Suicide,	N Brdgw'r Mass
Nov. 6,	James A. Gilmore,	64	0	0	Hypostatic Pneumonia,	Ireland.
Dec. 15,	Irving F. Ross,	48	5	7	Pulmonary Congestion,	Mendon, Mass.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists, and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, Vol. I., Chap. 29.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the preceding month at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the name, place of birth, and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to, the father shall not be stated, except at the request in writing of both father and mother, filed with the return. The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, which shall be paid by the city or town where the report is made, upon presentation to the city or town treasurer of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been properly

reported to him. A physician or midwife who neglects to report such list on or before the fifteenth day of the month shall for each offence forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Dec. 31, 1903.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	By appropriation:—
Teaching, Hopedale .	\$8,144 50
Teaching, South Hopedale .	559 50
Care, Hopedale .	1,064 57
Care, South Hopedale .	43 00
Fuel, Hopedale .	1,599 41
Fuel, South Hopedale .	36 42
Text books .	649 16
Supervision .	546 65
Repairs .	604 44
Incidentals .	488 06
Transportation .	670 00
Sundries (See committee's report) .	132 68
Balance overdrawn .	\$14,538 39
	<hr/> \$505 44
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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Books	\$546 76
Periodicals	124 27
Binding	97 20
Salaries	975 90
Lighting	287 60
Heating	365 77
Sundries (See trustees' report)	316 65
	<hr/> \$2,714 15
	\$2,714 15

\$2,714 15

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TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	By appropriations :—
Labor and material used in general repairs	General \$4,500 00
Sundries (See commissioners' report)	Watering streets 1,450 00
Hope street extension	Repairs, South Main street 400 00
Watering-cart	Balance Hope street construction account 2,700 00
Watering streets	New watering cart 425 00
Claim of G. & U. R. R. Co. on account Hope street bridge	Claim of G. & U. R. R. Co., on account Hope street bridge 2,250 00
Repairs, South Main street	Street railway excise tax 634 94
Balance	Materials and work furnished and charged to sundry parties 3,055 54
	Hope street extension, material sold to outside parties 76 30
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	\$15,491 78
Balances overdrawn :—	Balances unexpended :—
General \$347 28	Watering streets \$254 16
Repairs, So. Main street \$60 82	Hope street extension \$88 98
	New watering cart \$67 75

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—		
Materials	\$426 54	
Balance	73 46	
	\$500 00	
		Balance unexpended . . .
		\$500 00
		\$73 46

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Pay of members	\$921 01
Fuel	21 58
Water	11 00
Lights	20 57
Hose	148 88
Forest fires	111 99
Telephones	60 53
Sundries (See engineers' report)	559 33
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Balances overdrawn:—	\$1,854 89
General	\$92 82
Forest fires	\$11 99
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By appropriations:—	\$1,475 00
General	17 50
New hose	100 00
Forest fires	26 20
Work done for sundry parties	78 69
Balance	30
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Balance unexpended:—	\$1,854 89
Hose	\$26 12

Poor Department in account with E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

	Dr.	Cr.
		By appropriation
Insane	\$522 32	J. A. Edmands
Sundries (See overseers' report)	648 71	Heman Hersey
Town of Milford	12 00	Town of Milford
City of Worcester	41 90	City of Worcester
Balance	371 64	Henry Parsons
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		\$1,596 57
		Balance unexpended
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		\$1,200 00
		169 46
		150 00
		12 00
		41 90
		23 21
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		\$1,596 57
		\$371 64 31

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr,

To orders drawn, viz.:—

Salaries:—

	Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—		
Salaries:—		
Selectmen	\$200 00	\$3,000 00
Selectmen's clerk	50 00	53 87
Treasurer	100 00	1 00
Town clerk	50 00	
Collector	230 58	
Assessors	180 00	
Registrars	110 00	
Auditor	20 00	
Election officials	32 00	
Cattle inspector	25 00	
Town counsel	200 00	
		\$1,197 58
Stationery . . . . .	.	32 91
Printing . . . . .	.	200 35
Insurance . . . . .	.	341 04
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	.	392 00
		32 2

Court expenses		161 44
Sundries (See selectmen's report)		169 90
Pest house		600 00
Balance .		8 65
	\$3,103 87	
	Balance unexpended	

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STATE AID in account with E. E. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To amount paid on orders and charged to state on 1903 account	\$332 00 By amount received from state on 1902 account \$256 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Water Account.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn	\$2,092 50
Balance	107 50
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	\$2,200 00
	Balance unexpended
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	\$107 50
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Street Lighting Account.

To orders drawn	\$2,429 88
Balance	30 12
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	\$2,460 00
	Balance unexpended
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	\$30 12

Memorial Day.

To order drawn	\$50 00
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	\$50 00

Interest Account.

To orders drawn	•	•	•	•	\$1,492 03
					By appropriation
					Interest on deposits
					Balance
					<hr/>
					\$1,492 03
Balance overdrawn	•	•	•	•	\$116 99

Town Hall Account.

To orders drawn	•	•	•	•	\$1,346 76
					By appropriation
					1903 rents, etc.
					Balance
					<hr/>
					\$1,346 76
Balance overdrawn	•	•	•	•	\$15 51

State and County Tax Account.

To state tax	•	•	•	•	\$3,775 00
County tax	•	•	•	•	Balance
					<hr/>
					\$8,983 00
Balance overdrawn	•	•	•	•	\$1,483 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer—Continued.

Tree Warden.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn	\$169 50 By appropriation
Balance	340 50 Labor charged outside parties
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	\$510 00 Balance unexpended
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	\$340 50 \$510 00
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PARK COMMISSION in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	By appropriation:—
Plans and surveys	\$172 48
Bounds and fences	20 00
Fertilizer	17 10
Tools	43 56
Pay roll	1,151 85
Grading and seeding	368 87
Land	700 00
Roads and paths	204 97
Patrick suit	4,247 12
Incidentals (See commissioners' report)	411 70
Balance overdrawn	<hr/> \$7,337 65 \$22 33

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

CORPORATION, BANK AND STREET RAILWAY TAX in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To corporation tax, 1902 account	\$ 140 46
By cash, 1902 corporation	. .
Corporation tax, 1903 account	7,748 98
Cash, 1903 corporation	. .
Bank tax, 1903 account	7,034 80
Cash, 1903 bank	. .
Street railway tax, 1903 account	449 21
Cash, 1903 street railway	. .
Balance	. .
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	\$15,373 45
	\$138 10
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Amount unpaid, 1903 corporation	\$15,373 45
	88

CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To balance of account		\$2,204 00 By balance from last account
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	<i>Detailed Account.</i>	
Burlingame lot		\$100 00 A. T. Field account Thwing lot
Sarah M. Whipple		100 00 P. W. Moody account Lot 45
Sally Whipple		100 00 | W. G. Comstock
Margery Humphrey		250 00 | Mary J. Jacques
J. B. Bancroft		500 00 | J. A. Edmands
F. J. and G. M. Dutcher		150 00 | George Scriven
S. B. Holbrook		100 00 | George H. Cole
L. H. Ballou		200 00 | Frank H. French
Mary Draper		14 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

HOPES STREET EXTENSION LOAN in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To 1-year note paid Nov. 26, 1902	\$10,000 00
2-years note paid Nov. 26, 1903	10,000 00
Balance	10,000 00
	By town notes given Rogers, Newman & Tolman, under vote of town dated July 12, 1901, for
	Payable \$10,000 each in 1, 2 and 3 years respectively, from Nov. 26, 1901, with interest at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.
	[Note. Loan sold at a premium to make net interest rate stand at 3.39%.]
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	\$30,000 00
	Balance unpaid
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	\$30,000 00
	\$10,000 00

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SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS CHARGED TO SUNDRY PARTIES, UNPAID DEC. 31, 1903.

State of Massachusetts, corporation tax, 1903 account	\$138 10
City of Worcester, poor department	.	.	.	.	\$41 90
Hopedale Stable, highway, 1903 account	.	.	.	.	\$53 15
Milford Water Co., highway, 1903 account	.	.	.	.	4 \$4 00
Abram Waldron, incidental, 1903 account	.	.	.	.	\$32 00
Charles Lawrence, park, 1903 account	.	.	.	.	\$5 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account with the Town of HOPEDALE.

Dr.

Cr.

To balance from old account, viz:—

	By amount paid:—	Cr.
Cemetery trust account	\$2,204 00	Fire department
Library trust account	1,000 00	Poor department
Balance general fund	4,111 84	Library department
	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 7,315 84	2,714 15
Collector, 1901 account	:	School department
Collector, 1902 account	:	14,538 39
Collector, 1903 account	:	15,488 99
Collector, street railway excise tax	:	426 54
Corporation tax, 1902 account	:	426 54
Corporation tax, 1903 account	:	7,337 65
Bank tax, 1903 account	:	3,095 22
Street railway tax, 1903 account	:	2,092 50
State of Massachusetts, state aid, 1902 account	:	2,429 88
State of Massachusetts, military burial, 1902 account	35 00	1,492 03
		50 00
Town Hall		1,346 76
State and county tax		8,983 00
Tree warden		169 50
State aid		332 00

Fire department, labor	26 20	Borrowed money	10,000 00
Poor department, 1902 account	107 75	Hope street extension loan payment	10,000 00
Poor department, 1903 account	354 67		
Dog licenses, library account	213 61		
Library, Bancroft fund income	40 00		
Library, fines, books sold, etc.	160 54		
School department, 1903 account	32 95		
Highway department, 1901 account	7 64		
Highway department, 1902 account	60 02		
Highway department, 1903 account	3,074 69		
Town Hall, rents, etc., 1903 account	831 25		
Interest on deposits	375 04		
Court fines	53 87		
L. A. Lamson & Son, druggist's license	1 00		
Jos. Chapdelaine, slaughter house license	1 00		
Incidentals, 1903 account	16 00		
Tree warden, 1903 account	10 00		
Park department, 1903 account	563 20		
Borrowed money	25,000 00		
		\$99,853 90	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>
			<i>\$83,576 43</i>

Amount brought forward,

\$99,853 90 | *Amount brought forward,*

By balance

\$83,576 43

16,277 47

—————
\$99,853 90

To balance to new account, viz.:—

General funds \$16,277 47

Against which we owe
amount due on bor-
rowed money, note
payable Feb. 11, 1904 \$15,000 00

Cemetery trust ac-
count 2,204 00

Library trust account 1,000 00

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\$18,204 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS,
AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

	Appropriations.	Cash Receipts.	Amts. Unpaid.	Balances.
				Over-drawn. Unexpended.
School department:—				
General,	\$14,000 00	\$ 32 95		\$ 505 44
Library department,	2,800 00	414 15		
Highway department:—				
General,	4,500 00	3,690 48	\$ 57 15	347 28
Watering streets,	1,450 00			\$254 16
Sidewalks,	500 00			73 46
New watering cart,	425 00			67 75
Repairs, South Main street,	400 00			
Balance Hope St. bridge construction account,	2,700 00	76 30		88 98
Claim G. & U. R. R. Co., account Hope street bridge,	2,250 00			
Fire department:—				
General,	1,475 00	26 20		92 82
New hose,	175 00			26 12
Forest fires,	100 00			
Incidental department,	3,000 00	108 87	82 00	8 65
Water account,	2,200 00			107 50
Street lighting account,	2,460 00			30 12
Interest account,	1,000 00	375 04		116 99
Memorial Day account,	50 00			
Town Hall account,	500 00	831 25		15 51
State and county tax account,	7,500 00			1,483 00
Tree warden,	500 00	10 00		
Poor department,	1,200 00	396 57	41 90	340 50
State aid,		256 00	832 00	371 64
Park department:—				
General,	2,500 00	568 20	5 00	22 88
Patrick suit,	4,247 12			
Payment of town debt,	10,000 00			
Total receipts for the year				\$92,538 06
Balance on hand January 1, 1903				7,315 84
				———— \$99,853 90
Total cash expenditures on 1903 accounts				88,576 43
Balance on hand January 1, 1904				———— \$16,277 47
Less Library trust fund				\$ 1,000 00
Less Cemetery trust fund				2,204 00
Less borrowed money due and payable February 11, 1904				15,000 00
				———— 18,204 00
Excess of expenditures over income				\$1,926 53

**REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.**

INCIDENTALS.

By appropriation	\$3,000 00
To D. A. Westcott, insurance	\$341 04
S. A. Andrew, posting warrants, etc.	5 00
F. W. Phipps, carriage for assessors	11 50
H. C. Snell, court services	57 92
A. F. Fairbanks, court services	23 59
Cromwell Fairbanks, court services	6 32
W. H. Rockwood, court services	30 78
C. C. Downing, court services	2 76
Antoine Morin, court services	6 42
Walter F. Durgin, court services	3 66
Samuel Snodgrass, court services	20 70
Thomas F. Mathews, court services	7 48
Alex Hollis, court services	1 81
Dr. M. W. Knight, return of births	1 75
Dr. K. A. Campbell, return of births	7 25
Dr. Charles Cole, return of births	25
Hopedale stable, carriage	1 25
A. F. Fairbanks, serving dog warrant	2 00
Draper Co., telephones	1 00
Albert P. Bradstreet, administrator of the estate of Charles Loomis, house and land to be used as a pest house	600 00
Howes & Howes, sundries	1 80
Town of Hopedale, school department, painting fence at cemetery	15 00
E. C. Barrows, labor at cemetery	5 55
John M. French, fumigating	11 95

A. A. Messinger, service at polls	\$ 5 00
C. E. Pierce, service at polls	5 00
Irving Ross, service at polls	3 00
Fred B. Sweet, service at polls	3 00
Thomas Gaffney, service at polls	3 00
George H. Sheldon, service at polls	5 00
George H. Davis, service at polls	3 00
F. H. French, service at polls	5 00
J. A. Taft, legal services, account pest house	6 30
W. H. Jordan, recording, indexing, and certifying births, deaths and marriages	30 70
W. H. Jordan, sundries	3 40
L. A. Lamson & Son, formaldehyde	4 50
Dr. J. M. French, account Smith case	2 00
State of Massachusetts, account license	25
C. W. Adams, 1 lock-up key	75
Express	2 10
W. S. Hague, sundries	8 80
J. M. French, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
Cromwell Fairbanks, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
George Plant, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
Samuel Snodgrass, special police du- ty July 3 and 4	3 60
W. H. French, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
W. S. Hague, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
E. A. Sherman, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
W. H. Rockwood, special police duty July 3 and 4	3 60
J. M. French, special police at band concerts and field day	4 35

E. C. Esty, special police at band concerts and field day	\$ 6 00
E. A. Sherman, special police at band concerts and field day	4 50
C. L. Decoster, special police at band concerts and field day	2 40
W. S. Hague, special police at band concerts and field day	75
Printing	200 35
Stationery	32 91
Nathan Durfee, Soldiers' Relief	312 00
Mrs. Mary Walker, Soldiers' Relief	80 00
Salaries:—	
A. A. Messinger, auditor	20 00
E. S. Stimpson, collector of taxes	230 58
E. A. Darling, chairman of select- men	100 00
L. B. Gaskill, selectman	50 00
J. M. French, selectman	50 00
W. S. Hague, clerk of board of se- lectmen	50 00
H. F. Searles, registrar	25 00
W. H. Jordan, registrar	25 00
W. H. Jordan, clerk for registrars	10 00
W. H. Jordan, town clerk	50 00
Irving Ross, registrar	25 00
W. H. Grayson, registrar	25 00
J. A. Taft, town counsel	200 00
William Bancroft, assessor	70 00
H. W. Bracken, assessor	40 00
W. S. Hague, assessor	70 0
E. D. Bancroft, town treasurer	100 00
L. B. Gaskill, inspector of cattle	25 00
By amount received from third district	
court	\$53 87
Rent of pest house	48 00
L. A. Lamson & Son, license fee	1 00

J. Chapdelaine, slaughter house license	\$ 1 00
To balance unexpended	\$ 8 65
	\$3,103 87 \$3,103 87

STATE AID.

By amount due from state	\$332 00
To George B. Butterfield	\$44 00
Julia A. Chipman	16 00
Mary A. Cox	44 00
Sarah M. Merriam	48 00
Harriet A. Bean	48 00
Olive Wood	56 00
George H. Williams	24 00
Frederick Whitney	36 00
Lester Fletcher	16 00
	\$332 00 \$332 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation	\$50 00
To Post 22, G. A. R.	\$50 00
	\$50 00 \$50 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation	\$2,200 00
To Milford Water Co.	\$2,092 50
Balance unexpended	107 50
	\$2,200 00 \$2,200 00

STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation	\$2,460 00
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	\$2,429 88
Balance unexpended	30 12
	\$2,460 00 \$2,460 00

TAXES.

By appropriation		\$7,500 00
To state tax		\$3,775 00
County tax		5,208 00
By balance overdrawn		\$1,483 00
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	\$8,983 00	\$8,983 00

INTEREST.

By appropriation		\$1,000 00
Interest on deposits		375 04
To Loring, Tolman & Tupper		\$619 79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		700 00
Hopedale Village cemetery		132 24
Library trustees on Bancroft trust fund		40 00
By balance overdrawn		116 99
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	\$1,492 03	\$1,492 03

TOWN HALL.

By appropriation		\$500 00
Amount received from rents		830 50
Walter F. Durgin, 1 lockup key		75
To Norris, Staples & Gould, labor		\$ 12 80
Milford Gas Light Co., gas, 1902		42 33
Milford Gas Light Co., gas, 1903		62 39
Hopedale Stable, coal and wood		194 50
Milford Water Co., water		92 08
Swift B. Lyon, tuning piano		6 00
School department, brushes		6 00
Janitors		572 00
Draper Co., labor in boiler room		4 47
Hartford Boiler Insurance Co.		42 50
L. A. Lamson & Son, sponge		50
H. H. Lent, labor in lockup		20 74
Eldredge & Son, decorating Town Hall and labor in market		284 25

Park department, wood	\$2 88
Clark Ellis & Sons, sundries	3 32
By balance overdrawn	\$15 51
	—
	\$1,346 76 \$1,346 76

TREE WARDEN.

By appropriation	\$500 00
Milford Water Co., damage to trees	6 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., damage to trees	4 00
To highway department, labor on trees	\$ 24 40
Draper Co., labor on trees	2 25
Park department, labor on trees	50 85
H. L. Frost, spraying trees	80 00
Charles B. Merrill Co., 6 trees	12 00
Balance unexpended	340 50
	—
	\$510 00 \$510 00

SUMMARY.

Department.	Appropriations.	Due from State.	Cash Received.	Totals.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriations.
Incidentals,	\$3,000			\$ 3,103 87	\$ 3,095 22	\$ 8 65	
Street lights,	2,460	\$103 87		2,460 00	2,429 88	30 12	
State aid,		\$332		332 00	332 00		
Water for fires,	2,200			2,200 00	2,092 50	107 50	
Memorial Day,	50			50 00	50 00		
Interest,	1,000		875 04	1,375 04	1,492 03		\$ 116 99
State and county taxes,	7,500			7,500 00	8,983 00		1,483 00
Tree warden,	500		10 00	510 00	169 50	340 50	
Town Hall,	500		881 25	1,331 25	1,346 76		15 51
				\$18,862 16	\$19,990 89	\$486 77	\$1,615 50

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JANUARY
1, 1904.

Town House	\$35,000 00
Town House store fixtures	450 00
Schoolhouse, Hopedale street	5,000 00

Schoolhouse, South Hopedale	.	.	.	\$ 950 00
Schoolhouse, Dutcher street	.	.	.	35,000 00
High school building	.	.	.	7,000 00
Public library	.	.	.	5,000 00
Bancroft Memorial library	.	.	.	30,000 00
Town Park property	.	.	.	20,000 00

				\$138,400 00

Highway property: —

Stone crusher and engine	.	.	.	\$550 00
Road scraper	.	.	.	25 00
Three snow plows	.	.	.	40 00
Small tools	.	.	.	135 00
Two watering carts	.	.	.	575 00
Eleven standpipes	.	.	.	200 00
Road roller	.	.	.	125 00
Buildings	.	.	.	650 00

				\$2,300 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT-MEN FOR 1904.

Memorial Day	.	.	.	.	\$ 50 00
Incidentals	.	.	.	.	3,000 00
Interest	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Street lights	.	.	.	.	2,450 00
Water for fire purposes	.	.	.	.	2,100 00
State and county taxes	.	.	.	.	9,500 00
Town Hall	.	.	.	.	500 00
Support of poor	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Tree warden	.	.	.	.	500 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,
Selectmen.

**REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.**

By appropriation	\$1,200 00
To Medfield Insane Asylum, care of Esther Fiske	\$146 00
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, care of F. T. Edmands	169 46
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, care of James A. Gilmore	145 18
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, care of Johanna Welch	38 47
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, care of Jennie T. Parsons	23 21
Town of Milford, care of Curtis Claflin	156 00
Town of Milford, care of G. D. Edmands' family	156 00
Town of Mendon, care of Alice Staples	158 10
Town of Mendon, care of Maud S. Weatherhead	90 50
Town of Blackstone, care of Modeste Henry family	7 50
Mrs. Lura B. Day, treasurer, care of Sarah Holbrook	42 25
Mrs. Ida Loomis, for support of child	12 00
John L. Mead, meats, small-pox case, account Heman Hersey	7 78
Henry L. Patrick, groceries, account Margaret Drew	3 00
Dr. K. A. Campbell, medical attendance account Margaret Drew	8 00
L. A. Lamson & Son, medicine, account Margaret Drew	1 00

Dr. K. A. Campbell, medical attendance, account John Murphy	\$11 00
Mrs. Chaffee, nurse, account John Mur- phy	12 90
C. C. Downing, board, account John Murphy	15 00
Dr. M. W. Knight, medical attendance, account John Murphy	3 00
J. M. French, expenses, account David Crowley	6 63
Dr. K. A. Campbell, medical attendance, account David Crowley	5 00
Dr. L. A. Smith, medical attendance, ac- count tramp	2 00
Howes & Howes, crackers, account tramp	4 95
By amount from J. A. Edmands, account	
F. T. Edmands	\$169 46
Amount from Henry M. Parsons, ac- count Jennie T. Parsons	23 21
Amount from City of Worcester, ac- count John Murphy	41 90
Amount from Town of Milford, account Margaret Drew	12 00
Amount from Heman Hersey, account smallpox	150 00
To balance unexpended	371 64

	\$1,596 57
	\$1,596 57

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,
Overseers of Poor.

**REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.**

No complaints.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,
Fence Viewers.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.**

There were 5 cases of scarlet fever and 5 cases of diphtheria, all of which received proper attention.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
J. M. FRENCH,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HOPEDALE, Dec. 21, 1903.

3 Fairbanks Platform Balances	over 5000 lbs.
25 " "	" under 5000 "
5 Howes "	" " 5000 "
16 Fairbanks Counter	"
4 Howes "	"
3 Butchers' "	"
4 Ice Balances	
10 Miscellaneous Balances	
13 Wet Measures	

This year I have condemned five platform balances and one counter balance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MAYNARD,

Sealer of weights and measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE :—

Gentlemen : I submit to you my report for the year as inspector.

A general inspection of all cattle and swine and the premises where the same were kept was made during the year of 1903, and the written report of the condition of each barn and stable was sent to the Board of Cattle Commissioners. Shortly after the same was sent, and just after the ground had been covered by the state inspector, an order came in to make another inspection for the purpose of locating the dreaded foot and mouth disease, if any existed within the town limits. The town was carefully gone over where more than one cow was kept, and has been watched closely since the breaking out, but they have, up to the present time, discovered no signs of the same.

The town has been very fortunate in escaping all trouble from this disease.

Respectfully yours,

L. B. GASKILL,

Inspector of Animals.

December 31, 1903.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

	DR.	CR.
By appropriation		\$4,500 00
Material sold		423 78
Work for outside parties (labor and material)		2,631 76
Street railway tax, returned by state		449 21
Street railway tax, returned by tax collector		185 73
To labor	\$6,745 37	
Material	1,030 86	
Sherman Bros.	264 45	
W. H. Mague	119 00	
Hopedale Stable	99 94	
B. & A. R. R. Co.	52 26	
Z. C. Field	51 89	
Clark Ellis & Sons	42 73	
Draper Co.	35 29	
Concord Foundry Co.	31 50	
A. A. Westcott	13 40	
Cenedella Bros.	13 01	
A. Morin	12 51	
W. L. Beals	7 00	
H. D. Bowker	6 00	
Howes & Howes	5 20	
T. Groom & Co.	3 50	
G. & U. R. R. Co.	2 50	
Milford Daily News	1 20	

Sherborne Bros.	.	.	\$ 15
By amount overdrawn	.	.	\$ 347 28
			<hr/>
		\$8,537 76	\$8,537 76

STREET WATERING.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation	.	\$1,450 00
To running cart	.	\$544 10
Milford Water Co.	.	498 86
Hopedale Stable	.	94 58
Fred H. Cheney	.	40 00
J. F. Damon	.	16 30
A. Morin	.	2 00
Unexpended balance	.	254 16
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	\$1,450 00	\$1,450 00

SIDEWALKS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation	.	\$500 00
To Milford Gas Light Co.	.	\$252 00
Warren Bros. Co.	.	132 30
A. Morin	.	16 00
Hopedale Stable	.	15 23
G. & U. R. R. Co.	.	11 01
Unexpended balance	.	73 46
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

WATERING CART.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation	.	\$425 00
To J. L. & H. K. Potter	.	\$348 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	.	4 80
Hopedale Stable	.	4 45
Unexpended balance	.	67 75
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	\$425 00	\$425 00

DAMAGES—G. & U. R. R. Co.

By appropriation		\$2,250 00
To G. & U. R. R. Co.	\$2,250 00	
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	\$2,250 00	\$2,250 00

SOUTH MAIN STREET.

By appropriation		\$400 00
To labor	\$413 32	
Material	47 50	
By amount overdrawn		60 82
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	\$460 82	\$460 82

HOPE STREET EXTENSION.

By special appropriation (1901)		\$37,500 00
Credit (1901) rent "Fish" house		50 00
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	\$37,550 00	
To amount expended, 1901		17,045 97
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	\$20,504 03	
By credit (1902) American Bridge Co.		28 35
Draper Co. (betterments)		720 00
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	\$21,252 38	
To amount expended, 1902		\$21,252 38

	DR.	CR.
By appropriation, 1903	\$2,700 00
Credit American Bridge Co. . . . .	. . . . .	76 30
To American Bridge Co.	\$2,661 92
Tewksbury & Weir	25 40
Unexpended balance	88 98
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	\$2,776 30	\$2,776 30

SUMMARY.

DEPARTMENT.	Appropriations.	Credits for Outside Work.	Total Credits.	Amount Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriations.
General Repairs, Watering, Sidewalks, Watering Cart, Damages G. & U. R. R., South Main Street, Hope Street Extension,	\$ 4,500 00 1,450 00 500 00 425 00 2,250 00 400 00 2,700 00	\$3,690 48 1,450 00 500 00 425 00 2,250 00 400 00 76 30	\$ 8,190 48 1,195 84 426 54 357 25 2,250 00 460 82 2,776 30	\$ 8,537 76 \$254 16 73 46 67 75 		\$347 28 60 82
Totals,	\$12,225 00	\$3,766 78	\$15,991 78	\$15,915 53	\$484 35	\$408 10

It will be observed that the appropriation for general repairs was insufficient to cover the expenditures in that department. To keep the account as low as the figures given, however, the road commissioners were compelled to postpone certain repairs that would have been made had the appropriation permitted. The policy of the board has always been to give the town superior roads. As the mileage of first class roads has increased, repairs have become more expensive, and the same is true of labor and material. In view of these facts the road commissioners recommend an increase of one thousand dollars in the next appropriation for general repairs, making the total appropriation \$5,500.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. PIERCE,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
CLARE H. DRAPER,

Road Commissioners.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE HOPEDALE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1903, GIVING A LIST AND VALUE OF PROPERTY,
NAMES OF MEMBERS, RULES AND REGU-
LATIONS, AND NUMBER OF FIRES.

PROPERTY.

One hose house	\$1,300 00
One hose wagon	300 00
One hose wagon	85 00
One hook and ladder truck, with ladders	175 00
4150 ft. hose (3800 ft. in good condition, 350 ft. unreliable)	1,050 00
Arrow-gun and fire escape	10 00
Three harnesses, shovels, etc.	25 00
Fire alarm telegraph complete	1,500 00
	\$4,445 00

HYDRANTS.

Forty hydrants, located as follows:—

- Eight on Hopedale street.
- Four on Adin street.
- Three on West Main street.
- Seven on Dutcher street.
- Four on Freedom street.
- One at counting room.
- One near high school.
- Two on Prospect street.
- One in yard rear of foundry.
- Four on Bancroft parkway.
- Two on Progress street.
- One on Cemetery street.
- One on Hope street.
- One in yard near screw shop.

ENGINEERS.

George W. Jenkins, chief. Charles E. Pierce, 1st assistant.
 Fred B. Sweet, clerk and treasurer.

MEMBERS.

HOSE 2.

Fred G. Crockett, foreman.	M. Higgiston, 1st assistant.
T. F. Gaffney, 2d assistant.	E. C. Estey, clerk.
P. J. Manuel.	H. A. Nichols.

HOSE 3.

Joseph B. Chapin, foreman and treasurer.	T. H. Craddock.
John E. Andrews, 1st assistant.	F. L. Arnold.
Wm. N. Draper, 2d assistant.	George Bayley.
W. C. Hastings, clerk.	Henry Crawford.
W. F. Durgin.	J. C. Mathews.
Benj. Adkins.	W. E. Whitney.
	Allen Whitney.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
 FOR THE
 COMPANIES ATTACHED TO THE
 HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE I.

Each company may propose candidates for its department, specifying their ages, and, if minors, the certificate required by the fire ordinances.

All appointments shall be approved by the board of engineers, and returned to the company.

Whenever a candidate is rejected by the board of engineers, he will not be allowed to act as a member of the company. No person under eighteen years of age shall be appointed as a member of the department.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be the duty of the foremen of the several companies to make, or cause to be made, on the last Monday in January, annually, to the chief engineer, a statement of the condition of the engine or other apparatus, with an inventory

of all the property intrusted to their care, and belonging to the town, together with a correct list of the names of the members, also special reports of all officers chosen, and all resignations, discharge of members, and all cases of neglect of duty or disobedience of orders. They shall also see that the engines, houses, and other apparatus are kept neat, clean and ready for immediate use, and the passage to said house clear of snow and other obstructions, preserve order in their several companies, and require and enforce a strict compliance with the town ordinances and regulations of the board of engineers. In their absence, the assistant foremen shall perform their duties, and at other times render them such assistance as they may require.

ARTICLE III.

Any member expecting to be absent from town two days, or more, shall be required to procure a substitute, to be approved by the foreman of his company, whose name he shall hand to the clerk of the company. But no member shall be allowed a substitute, except in case of sickness or absence from the town, and in no instance for a longer period than one month, except in case of sickness.

ARTICLE IV.

It is required of the members of the department, as a general rule, not to open the doors or windows of a building on fire, without a supply of water can be procured, and to be careful to avoid unnecessarily damaging furniture or other goods by water; at a fire where water cannot be procured, the members will endeavor to prevent the fire from spreading by means of buckets or otherwise. The members of each company will remain with the apparatus of which they have charge, except when otherwise directed by an engineer.

ARTICLE V.

In the absence of an engineer, on the arrival at a fire, as a general rule, the first company is to be taken to the nearest reservoir or place where a supply of water can be obtained, immediately placed in readiness for operation, and in case the fire cannot be reached for want of a sufficient quantity of hose,

the officers will exert themselves to obtain a supply of water and pass it on towards or to the fire. Companies will not call upon each other for hose, but upon the engineers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Hook and Ladder company, on arriving at a fire, will take their station as near the same as under existing circumstances shall be thought expedient. The commanding officer will immediately on his arrival report himself to the engineer in charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Members of each company are to have control of the apparatus committed to their care, which is not to be handled, used, or in any way meddled with by the members of other companies, unless by permission of an engineer; and whenever at a fire one company shall have hose or other apparatus belonging to another, they shall in all cases promptly return the same to the company to whom it belongs.

ARTICLE VIII.

On no occasion shall any officer allow their company to run their engine or carriage in returning from a fire or alarm, or drill, and in all cases they shall keep to the right.

ARTICLE IX.

When any repairs shall be necessary upon any engine or carriage or other apparatus, the foreman shall give information to the chief engineer, if practicable, if not, to any engineer. No bills are to be paid until approved by the board of engineers.

ARTICLE X.

Water must not be taken from any reservoirs except in case of fire, or by order of an engineer.

ARTICLE XI.

Whenever a fire shall occur known to be out of Hopedale, no engine or apparatus shall be taken to said fire unless by the consent of the chief engineer or his assistants.

ARTICLE XII.

The members of the several companies regularly admitted and appointed, shall wear such caps, badges or insignia as the

board of engineers shall from time to time direct to be furnished at the expense of the town; and no person or persons shall be permitted to wear the same, except under such restrictions and regulations as the board of engineers may direct.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every member of the fire department shall be held responsible for any property of the department entrusted to his care; and in case of loss or damage through neglect, its value shall be deducted from his compensation.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITIZENS, TO BE OBSERVED AT FIRES.

Adopted by the Board of Engineers of Hopedale, for preventing and extinguishing fires. .

Adopted by the town, October 14th, 1886.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the engineers, upon an alarm of fire, to immediately repair to, or near where, the fire may be, and to take proper measures that the several engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situation, and duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of the fire; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well as the members of the fire department, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods or other merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof; to appoint guards to secure the same, and also in pulling down or demolishing any house or other building, if occasion requires; and further, to suppress all turmoil and disorder. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at, or returning from fires, and at all other times when companies attached to the fire department are on duty.

SECTION 2. The chief engineer shall have the command at fires over all other engineers, all members of the fire department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of the

fires, protection of property, preservation of order, and observance of the fire laws; provided; that no building on fire or in danger thereof, shall be pulled down, blown up or otherwise demolished, without the concurrence of two or more of the engineers, if present.

SECTION 3. In case of the absence of the chief engineer, the engineer next in rank who shall be present shall execute the duties of the officer, with full powers.

SECTION 4. If any member of either of the several companies belonging to the fire department shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duties, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, disobedience to the officers, or to any engineer, he may, for such offence, be discharged from the fire department, and shall be liable to a fine, not less than two, nor more than ten, dollars.

SECTION 5. All persons present, not members of either of the said companies, are hereby enjoined to obey the direction of any engineer given at a fire, and to render their services, if required by any engineer, under a penalty of not less than five, nor more than twenty, dollars; and it is enjoined upon the chief engineer to prosecute all violations of this section.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of such of the constables of the town as may be selected by the engineers for that service, to repair on the alarm of fire immediately to that place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the chief engineer, for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of theft, destruction of property, and the removal of all suspected persons; for which service the constable shall receive such compensation as shall in each case be ordered by the engineers.

SECTION 7. And it is further ordered that no person shall carry any fire brands, lighted matches, or other ignited materials openly in the streets or thoroughfares of the town; and no owner or occupant of any dwelling house, shop, or other buildings, shall maintain, or cause to be erected, any defective chimney, hearth, oven, stove, or stovepipe, fire frame or other fixtures, or shall have a deposit of ashes, shavings, or other

combustible material which may give just cause of alarm, or be the means of kindling or spreading fire, under penalty of not less than two, nor more than twenty, dollars.

SECTION 8. That if any chimney, stovepipe or flue within the town, where any other buildings are so near as to be endangered therefrom, shall take or be set on fire, the occupant of such house to which such chimney, stovepipe or flue appertains, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars; provided it shall be lawful for any person to set fire to and burn his chimney or stovepipe between sunrise and noon, if the buildings contiguous are wet with rain or covered with snow.

SECTION 9. That no person shall discharge or set off any squibs, serpents, rockets, fire crackers, or other fire works, in any place within the town, without leave from an engineer, under a penalty of not more than twenty dollars.

SECTION 10. That no person shall make any bonfire, or fire for burning brush, rubbish or any other fire in the open air, in the night time, without leave from an engineer, under the penalty of not less than two, nor more than twenty, dollars.

SECTION 11. And it shall be the duty of the chief and other engineers to inquire for and examine into all shops, new buildings erecting, on other places, where defective chimneys, flues, stoves or stovepipes may be, and where shavings or other combustible material may be collected and deposited, and from time to time, and at all times, to be vigilant in taking care of, and the removal of the same, whenever in the opinion of any two of them the same may be dangerous to the security of the town from fire; and the owners or occupants of such defective chimneys, flues, stoves or stovepipes, shavings, or other combustible matter, who shall refuse or neglect to remove the same forthwith, after being ordered thereto by any two engineers in writing, shall forfeit and pay five dollars for each day afterwards that the same shall remain unmoved.

SECTION 12. All members of the fire department, while on duty at a fire, shall wear such badges as are provided for them, and any member refusing or neglecting to wear the same until the several companies shall be dismissed at roll

call, shall forfeit all pay for his services for three months previous to such refusal or neglect, unless he can furnish an excuse that shall be satisfactory to a majority of the engineers.

A true copy from the records.

Attest:

W. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

PAY OF MEMBERS, INCIDENTALS, ETC.

By general appropriation	\$1,475 00
Draper Company	9 00
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co.	17 20
Balance overdrawn	92 82
To pay of chief engineer	\$ 73 00
Pay of assistant chief	48 04
Pay of clerk	48 00
Robert Ross, fire police	20 00
C. H. Bagley, steward	12 50
W. G. Austin, steward	36 50
A. L. McBurnie, electrician	42 50
G. W. Jenkins, electrician	42 50
Pay of Hose 3	369 00
Pay of Hose 2	185 85
E. S. Stimpson, poll tax of department	43 12
Hopedale Stable, coal and wood	21 58
Milford Water Co., water rent	11 00
Milford Gas Light Co., gas	20 57
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rent of telephones	60 53
William Davoren, express and carting	8 77
Pettingell-Andrews Co., glass jars	5 52
Henry K. Barnes, 50 zincs	25 00
F. H. Cheney, varnishing hose wagons	50 00
H. H. Lent, lumber and labor	7 14
Pettingell-Andrews Co., blue rock	56 25
Tewksbury & Weir, repairs fire alarm	12 10

Draper Company, polish, sundries, etc.	\$ 3 95
L. A. Lamson, sponge, etc.	1 25
Hopedale Stable, teams to fires	19 50
Steamer Company, Milford, account	
Westcott fire	7 50
Hose 2, Milford, account Westcott fire	7 50
J. B. Chapin, treasurer, account West-	
cott fire	6 00
Henry K. Barnes, 1 gross bottles	12 00
W. L. Beals, 3 bottles oil	45
Avery & Woodbury, 3 shades	1 50
H. E. Brown, watchman F. J. Dutcher	
fire	1 50
T. F. Mathews, watchman F. J. Dutch-	
er fire	1 80
C. W. Wheeler, watchman F. J. Dutch-	
er fire	1 50
M. H. Avery, printing	1 75
Robert Ross, watchman F. J. Dutch-	
er fire	1 50
J. W. Hicks, watchman F. J. Dutcher	
fire	60
W. H. Rockwood, watchman F. J.	
Dutcher fire	60
Samuel Snodgrass, watchman F. J.	
Dutcher fire	60
F. A. Smith, watchman F. J. Dutcher	
fire	60
L. Grow & Son, repairing gongs	6 00
H. H. Lent, repairs hose house	16 92
Hopedale Stable, expense, man at barn	192 00
Beattie Zinc Works, 50 zines	25 00
G. & U. R. R. Co., express	1 95
Pettingell-Andrews Co., battery cop-	
pers	4 00
Mrs. C. M. Day, use express wagon	5 00
G. W. Jenkins, traveling expenses	2 00
W. G. Austin, labor, fire alarm	4 27

J. P. Ryan, labor, fire alarm	\$ 1 25
A. L. McBurnie, labor, fire alarm	1 00
W. E. Decrow, expert on fire alarm	6 05
H. L. Patrick, soda, brooms, etc.	4 93
G. W. Jenkins, labor on fire alarm	3 75
Highway department, rent hose house	40 00
J. M. French & Son, teams	7 50
F. B. Sweet, express, postage, etc.	2 83

	\$1,594 02
	\$1,594 02

BRUSH FIRES.

By appropriation	\$100 00
Balance overdrawn	11 99
To Sylvester Madden, forest fireward, ac-	
count 1902	\$ 4 00
William J. Kelly, forest fireward	10 50
G. W. Jenkins, money expended,	
brush fires	10 75
F. B. Sweet, money expended May 17	3 10
Hopedale Stable, teams	7 50
H. A. Nichols, account brush fire	
May 17	6 06
J. B. Chapin, account still alarms	5 75
E. C. Esty, account still alarms	1 13
J. M. French & Son, teams	1 50
Henry K. Barnes, 2 extinguishers	50 00
H. A. Nichols, account still alarms	1 00
Norris, Staples & Gould, pails, shov-	
els, etc	10 70

	\$111 99
	\$111 99

HOSE.

By appropriation	\$175 00
To Henry K. Barnes, 300 ft. 2½-in. hose	\$144 00
Henry K. Barnes, 50 ft. ¾-in. hose	4 88
Balance unexpended	26 12

	\$175 00
	\$175 00

RECAPITULATION.

By general appropriation	\$1,475 00
Appropriation for hose	175 00
Appropriation for brush fires	100 00
Received from Draper Co.	9 00
Received from M. & U. St. Railway Co.	17 20
Balance overdrawn	78 69
 To pay of engineers and members	\$921 01
Incidentals	673 01
Expenditures for hose	148 88
Expenditures for brush fires	111 99
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	\$1,854 89
	\$1,854 89

RECORD OF FIRES.

March 23—Box 38. Old ice house. Department not needed.

April 11.—Box 64. Residence of W. A. Westcott, Spindleville.

April 18.—Brush fire along track near Freedom street.

April 20.—Brush fire, South Hopedale.

May 17.—Brush fire, Spindleville. Regular and still alarm.

May 19.—Box 53. Residence of F. J. Dutcher, Adin street.

May 25.—Brush fire, Mendon hill, land of Draper Co.

During the year the department has extinguished a number of brush fires, for which no alarm has been rung.

LOCATION OF BOXES.

- Box 25. Yard of Draper Company, near counting room.
- Box 26. Hopedale street, corner of hose house.
- Box 32. Dutcher street, corner of Dennett street.
- Box 38. Dutcher street, corner of Freedom street.
- Box 42. Bancroft parkway.
- Box 45. Freedom street, west of dam,
- Box 53. Hopedale street, corner of Adin street.
- Box 57. Adin street, near E. S. Draper's residence.

Box 59. Main street, near house of S. A. Andrew.

Box 62. Hopedale street, corner of Main street.

Box 64. Westcott's mill, Spindleville.

Keys at houses near boxes.

School signal, 22, near counting room of Draper company.

During the year the board of engineers has purchased two extinguishers from brush fire appropriation, in order that there might be better facilities for fighting brush fires in the park system; this explains in a measure why we have exceeded that appropriation.

The board has also been required to make an arrangement with the Hopedale stable in order that a man should be at the barn nights, Sundays, and holidays, in case an alarm of fire should be rung in. For this service we are obliged to pay fifty cents (\$0.50) per night and two dollars and a half (\$2.50) for Sundays and holidays. With the barn of the Hopedale stable in its present location, the board does not consider this as a satisfactory state of affairs, but this is the best arrangement that could be made.

For 1904 we would recommend the following appropriations:—

General appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$1,400 00
Brush fires	.	.	.	.	100 00

If the present arrangement with the Hopedale stable is to be continued, we shall require an extra appropriation of \$350.

All equipments of the department are in good working order.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JENKINS,
CHAS. E. PIERCE,
FRED B. SWEET,

Board of Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1903.

Valuation of real estate, excluding land	\$1,099,025 00
Valuation of real estate, excluding buildings	242,200 00
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Total valuation of real estate	\$1,341,225 00
Total valuation of personal estate	3,211,363 00
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Total valuation	\$4,552,588 00
Increase in 1903	\$390,102 00
Tax rate per \$1000	\$10 00
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Tax on property	\$45,525 88
Number of polls taxed	785
Tax on each	\$2 00
Tax on polls	1,570 00
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Total tax	\$47,095 88
Bank tax	7,034 80
Corporation tax	7,748 98
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Available tax	\$61,879 66
Increase in 1903	\$3,923 12
Number of persons assessed	881
Number of persons assessed on property	225
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only	669
Number of polls assessed	785
Number of horses assessed	126
Number of cows assessed	85
Number of neat cattle assessed	6
Number of swine assessed	3
Number of dwelling-houses	347

Acres of land assessed	2,829 A.	141 Rods
Population . . . . .	. . . . .	1997
Increase of population over last year . . . . .	. . . . .	46

WILLIAM BANCROFT,
H. W. BRACKEN,
WILLIAM S. HAGUE,

Board of Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

	1899.	DR.	CR.
To uncollected taxes		\$160 00	
By uncollected taxes			\$160 00
		<hr/> \$160 00	<hr/> \$160 00
	1900.		
To uncollected taxes		\$564 19	
By uncollected taxes			\$564 19
		<hr/> \$564 19	<hr/> \$564 19
	1901.		
To uncollected taxes		\$499 57	
Interest		65	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer			\$ 19 10
Uncollected taxes			481 12
		<hr/> \$500 22	<hr/> \$500 22
	1902.		
To uncollected taxes		\$461 85	
Interest		3 76	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer			\$153 41
Taxes abated			1 00
Uncollected taxes			311 20
		<hr/> \$465 61	<hr/> 465 61
	1903.		
To taxes committed for collection		\$47,095 88	
Interest			24

By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer	\$45,724 04
Discount	918 44
Abated	8 00
Uncollected taxes	445 64
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	\$47,096 12 \$47,096 12

To Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket	
Street Railway Co., excise tax . . .	\$ 49 14
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway	
Co., excise tax	136 59
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer	\$185 73
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	\$185 73 \$185 73

E. S. STIMPSON,
Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The disbursements of the town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1903 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts. The treasurer's books show a correct balance between income and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,

Auditor.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Town of Hopedale.

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Approved in Superior Court, December 6, 1886.

Article V., Section 1, amended in town meeting Mar. 7, and July 8, 1892.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March, in each year, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Section 2. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in at least four public places in the town, not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

ARTICLE II.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Section 1. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except to adjourn the meeting; to lie on the table; the previous question; to commit or amend; to refer or postpone to a day certain; or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein named.

Section 2. All motions shall be reduced to writing when required by the moderator.

Section 3. The duties of the moderator, not prescribed by statute or the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in "Cushing's Manual" so far as they are adapted to the condition and powers of the town.

ARTICLE III.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Section 1. The financial year shall begin the first day of January in each year and end the last day of December following.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the town clerk, immediately after every town meeting, to furnish the treasurer a statement of all moneys appropriated by the town at such meeting, and of the purposes for which such moneys were appropriated respectively.

Section 3. All bills contracted in behalf of the town shall be fully detailed and shall be approved as soon as practicable, and no bills shall be held by any board after the end of the fiscal year in which said bills are contracted.

Section 4. The selectmen and all other town officers are required in any case when the amount specifically appropriated for any purpose proves inadequate, to cause the matter to be brought before a special meeting of the town, and in no event to incur any expense in excess of the specific appropriations, except in cases where such expenditure may be required by law.

Section 5. All moneys received by any town officer or committee or any person acting for or in behalf of the town, shall upon receipt of the same be paid into the town treasury.

Section 6. All notes authorized by a vote of the town shall be countersigned by a majority of the selectmen.

Section 7. The compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town, shall be fixed by a vote of the town.

Section 8. The assessment of all taxes shall be completed and committed to the collector on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year.

Section 9. The collector shall, within ten days after receiving from the assessors the tax-list, make out and send or deliver to every person, corporation or company of persons named in said tax-list, a tax-bill on which shall be printed the rate of taxation on each thousand dollars and a copy of sections ten and eleven of this article.

Section 10. All taxes shall be due and payable on or before the first day of September in each year. In all cases where tax-bills are not paid at the time specified, it shall be

the duty of the collector forthwith to issue a summons to each delinquent; and if such delinquent does not pay the amount of his tax within fourteen days after the issuing of the summons, with twenty cents for the summons, and interest from the time the bill is due, the collector shall forthwith proceed to collect the amount due, in manner provided by law.

Section 11. All taxes on real estate remaining unpaid on the first day of February in each year, the collector shall proceed to collect, by sale or otherwise, and shall complete his collections or make sale of such estates on or before the first day of May, following the assessment thereof.

Section 12. The collector shall daily pay to the treasurer all moneys received by him.

Section 13. The treasurer and collector shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their several duties, in such sums as the selectmen may require; and with sureties to their satisfaction.

Section 14. There shall be elected at each annual town meeting, by ballot, an auditor, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. No person holding any other town office shall be eligible to the office of auditor. It shall be the duty of the auditor to examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees entrusted with the receipt, custody, or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been, or may be, paid from the treasury. He shall have free access to the said books, accounts, bills and vouchers at all reasonable times, and may make examination thereof as often as he may deem necessary; but shall examine the same at least once a year, and shall annually report, in writing, as to their correctness.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Section 1. When any suit at law or in equity is instituted against the town, and there is not sufficient time, before action must be taken in the same, to bring the matter before the town, the selectmen shall have authority to appear in and

answer to such suit; but in all cases before the trial or final disposition of the same, a town meeting shall be called to act upon the matter.

Section 2. Whenever it shall be necessary to execute any deed conveying land, or any other instrument required to carry into effect any vote of the town, the same shall be executed by the treasurer in behalf of the town, unless the town shall vote otherwise.

Section 3. All town officers and the engineers of the fire department shall make their annual reports on or before the first day of February in each year. The annual reports shall contain carefully prepared estimates of the amounts required by the several departments for the ensuing year. The town clerk shall cause to be printed in one volume, to be ready for distribution at least ten days before the annual town meeting, the reports of the officers of the various departments of the town, and when practicable, the reports of all committees appointed by the town.

Section 4. All official letters received, and copies of all letters written, shall be placed on file.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the selectmen to annually appraise the property of the town and include such appraisement in their report.

Section 6. The town shall annually elect five constables. It shall be their duty to see that the By-Laws of the town and the laws of the state are duly observed.

ARTICLE V.

CONCERNING TRUANTS.

Section 1. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in the town, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, and such children as persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the common school, shall be committed to the Worcester County Truant School for confinement, instruction and discipline.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

Section 5. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

ARTICLE VI.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

Section 1. Whenever the word "street" or "streets" is mentioned in these By-Laws, it shall be understood as meaning all alleys, lanes, courts, public squares and public places, including sidewalks and gutters, unless the contrary is expressed or the construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent.

Section 2. The road commissioners shall have control of the streets and ways of the town.

Section 3. They shall cause the names of the several streets to be shown in convenient places in said streets, and no person shall remove, injure or deface said names.

Section 4. No building shall be removed over a public street without a written permit from the road commissioners.

Section 5. No person shall break the ground in any street or public place for any purpose; nor set nor place any

fence, post, tree or edgestone, nor alter nor change the position or direction of any fence, post, tree or edgestone; nor swing any door or gate in, upon or over, nor change the grade or width of any street or public way, without the written permit of the road commissioners; and such permit shall prescribe the restrictions or limitations under which the same is granted.

Section 6. No person shall leave any wagon, cart or other vehicle, or coal, wood or other articles, in any street and suffer the same to remain over night, without maintaining a sufficient light over or near the same throughout the night.

Section 7. No person shall ride upon any vehicle on any sidewalk in the town.

Section 8. Whenever the practice of coasting on any of the streets in the town has become dangerous to the public safety, the selectmen shall post notices in conspicuous places on such streets or sidewalks, forbidding all persons to coast upon the same; and no person shall coast thereon after the posting of such notice.

Section 9. No person shall throw stones or other missiles; nor play at baseball or football, nor fly any kites, in any of the streets in the town.

Section 10. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group, or near each other on any sidewalk or street in such a manner as to obstruct or impede free passage, after having been requested by any constable to move on.

Section 11. No person shall pasture any cattle or other animal upon any street in the town, except within the limits of said street adjoining his own premises.

Section 12. No person shall tie or fasten any horse to any ornamental or shade tree in any street in the town, or wrongfully injure or abuse such tree in any other manner.

Section 13. The tenant, and in case there is no tenant, the owner of any building or lot of land bordering on any street where there is a concrete sidewalk shall, within twenty-

four hours after the ceasing to fall of any snow, cause the same to be removed therefrom.

Section 14. No person shall post nor paint any advertisement of any nature upon any building, fence, guide-board, rock, tree or other object without the written consent of the selectmen, in case the object is the property of the town.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. No person in a state of nudity shall bathe in any of the waters of the town between the hours of sunrise and sunset, in places exposed to public view or in the vicinity of any dwelling-house.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any person guilty of a violation of these By-Laws, shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; and all fines so recovered shall be paid into the town treasury.

ARTICLE IX.

These By-Laws shall go into effect upon their approval by the Superior Court, within and for the County of Worcester, or by some justice of said court, and upon such approval all votes of the town not in accord with these By-Laws shall be repealed.

The votes requiring repeal under Article nine, are as follows:

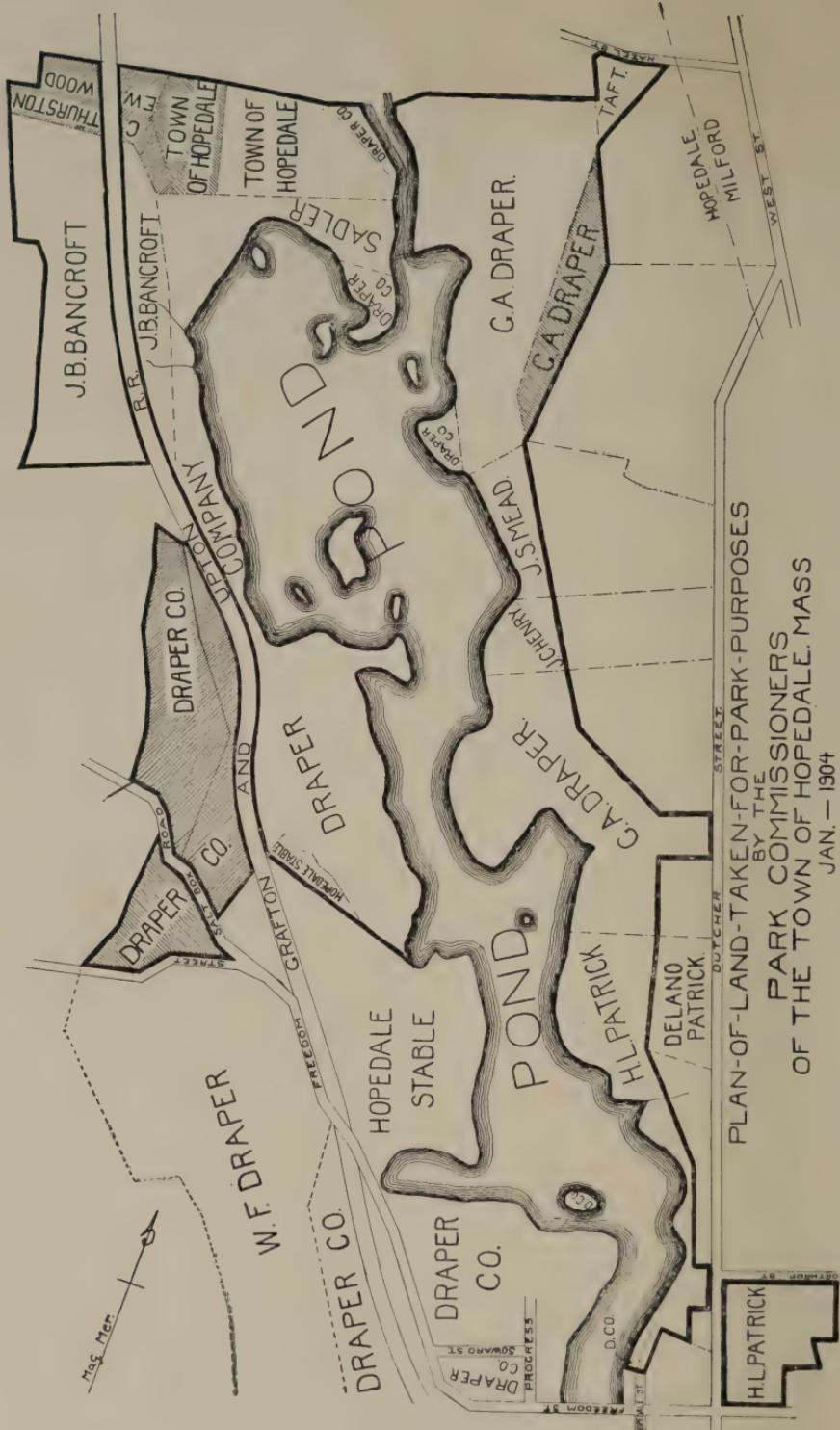
Voted: That the taxes be collected and paid in on or before September first.

Voted: That our annual town meeting be held the first Monday in March; that all officers that are required by law be voted for on one ballot.

Hopedale, October 14, 1886.

A true copy, Attest:

W. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.



PLAN-OF-LAND-TAKEN-FOR-PARK-PURPOSES
BY THE
PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASS.
JAN. - 1904

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Town of Hopedale,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1903.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES F. ROPER,	Term expires	1904
GEORGE OTIS DRAPER,	"	" 1905
FRANK J. DUTCHER,	"	" 1906

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

By general appropriation	.	.	\$2,500 00
Received for wood	.	.	451 00
Received for labor	.	.	117 20
To purchase of land:—			
Adelina S. Wood and Cor-			
delia Thurston	.	\$200 00	
Draper Company	.	500 00	
		—————	\$700 00
Plans and surveys:—			
Manning Brothers	.	.	172 48
Grading and seeding:—			
E. S. Stimpson	.	\$ 17 00	
Draper Company	.	344 57	
Clark Ellis & Sons	.	7 30	
		—————	368 87
Roads:—			
Draper Company	.	.	204 97
Pay roll:—			
E. D. Bancroft, treasurer	.	.	1,151 85
Tools:—			
Clark Ellis & Sons	.	.	43 56
Bounds and fences:—			
Henry W. Gaskill	.	.	20 00
Incidentals:—			
Draper Company, labor, etc.	\$ 30 21		
G. M. Billings, printing	9 75		
George C. Greenway, draw-			
ing wood	.	55 12	
Grafton & Upton R. R.,			
freight	.	.	75

H. M. Curtiss, lime	\$ 2 20
J. E. Wallace, sawing wood	22 25
Hopedale stable, team hire	75
W. H. Johnson, teaming	82 65
C. B. Merrill & Co., rolling playground lot	7 00
A Morin, repairs	2 25
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware	4 07
Adin A. Messinger, athletic goods	29 15
Sherman Brothers, carpentry	13 50
H. H. Lent, carpentry	16 74
J. M. French & Son, mowing playground, etc.	46 58
W. N. Prentiss, carpentry	16 88
Tewksbury & Weir, electric work	5 40
Milford Water Company	4 00
Cook & Sons, printing	3 00
Heliotype Printing Co., stationery	4 50
George C. Olney, sawing wood	7 20
Wright & Ditson	10
Jesse A. Taft	45 75
Howes & Howes	1 90
	————— \$411 70

Fertilizer:—

H. M. Curtiss	17 10
By balance overdrawn	\$22 33
	—————
	\$3,090 53
	\$3,090 53

By special appropriation for H. L. Patrick suit and legal expenses \$4,247 12

To Williams & Williams:—

Amount of award \$2,500 00

Interest on same		\$550 00
Court costs		78 31
Draper Company		13 62
Thayer & Rugg		777 79
Jesse A. Taft		327 40
		—————
		\$4,247 12 \$4,247 12

During the past year the Park system has been materially enlarged by acquisition of properties at the upper end, including land belonging to the town of Hopedale not formerly included in their transfer, owing to a misunderstanding of the records. This land has been given to the Park department by vote of the town, and can be noted in the new map appended to the report, which shows all the later acquisitions in the shaded portions. We have also acquired land from the heirs of Chester Walker, including the spring near the northern line of our former holdings, not far from the Grafton & Upton Railway. Also a tract of land lying west of the Grafton & Upton Railway, formerly belonging to the Draper Company. While these purchases were not made for any present Park use, they will be valuable in connection with further development in years to come, especially in view of possible roadways to secure access to the western boundaries. By securing these holdings from private use, their tree groves are preserved, and the general landscape features of this part of the town kept inviolate. Considerable careful trimming and thinning out was continued through the winter season, the sale of the wood more than covering the cost of the labor.

At the lower end of the Park, the former unsightly dumping ground across the road from the playground has been graded and surfaced. A new road has been built, connecting Northrop street with the end of Hopedale street extension.

A most important feature of the park commissioners' duties for the year consisted in the defence of the suit against the town brought by Henry L. Patrick, for damages claimed in the taking for Park purposes of the strip of land on the east

side of the pond, between the pond and Dutcher street. The commissioners originally awarded damages of \$900 for this taking. In the suit, witnesses on behalf of Mr. Patrick testified that the land in question was worth from six to seven thousand dollars, including damages to adjoining property, whereas witnesses for the town of Hopedale placed the total damages at \$900, after deducting betterments to adjoining property. The jury awarded \$2500 damages, and the town paid interest on this sum for the time lapsing since the taking, and also the costs of the court. The town was also forced to assume the necessary expenses of hiring competent counsel to take charge of the case. The original award was made before the recent rapid growth and doubling of the main industry in the town, and the fact of such increase and growth possibly had a bearing on the award.

In order to assist in the preservation of game, the park commissioners formally erected signs on their property forbidding shooting and trapping on its premises. Hunters, however, have taken advantage of the fact that the pond was not under control of the park commissioners, and have therefore shot game from boats. The Draper Company has now co-operated with us by setting out signs containing the following language:—

NOTICE.

All persons are forbidden to enter upon the pond or lands of the Draper Company in the town of Hopedale for the purpose of shooting or trapping, under penalty of the law.

A reward of ten dollars will be paid to any person furnishing information which leads to the arrest and conviction of any persons entering upon said premises for the purposes aforesaid.

DRAPE COMPANY,

Hopedale, Mass.

During the year our superintendent, Mr. Fred A. Smith, left us to accept a much more remunerative position. His place was temporarily filled by Mr. John Gardner, and later by Mr Walter F. Durgin, who has been given all the authority formerly belonging to Mr. Smith. Mr. Durgin is thoroughly acquainted

with the Park property, having been a resident of Hopedale for years. Since engaging him as superintendent, he has been appointed a deputy fish and game commissioner by the state, and policeman and forest fireward, by the town.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Society having donated a historical relic, in the shape of the front doorstep of the "Old House," to the town, the park commissioners have placed the same on the Ballou lot, as an interesting reminiscence of the earliest house erected in the town. A suitable descriptive tablet will be erected later.

The park commissioners wish to call attention to the fact that the upper part of the Park property is now well cleared and adaptable for use by picnic parties and others. It can be reached by team from Hazel street, the cross street leading from the Upton road north of the connection of the Upton road with the extension of Dutcher street. The electric cars will stop by request, at an entrance on the west side of the property. The whole territory is, of course, available by boats, and a boat landing has been built near the bridge. While Park property is intended for advancing legitimate pleasure, it is not the purpose of the commissioners to encourage its use for questionable purposes. A region intended for use by all citizens, including women and children, is not the place for drunken carousals, and after noting several violations, the commissioners succeeded in arresting four out of six parties who had brought intoxicating liquor on the premises, and they were served by the court with the maximum penalty for such offence.

For the coming season, the commissioners are considering a special improvement in the line of a bathhouse for use of men and boys who now have no open public facility in this line. There has been a persistent demand for accommodation of this character, which would have been considered in the past had not other improvements seemed more advisable, especially as the land available for the purpose was necessarily kept unimproved during the legal proceedings which affected it. The commissioners are intending to erect a suitable build-

ing within the limits of an appropriation similar to that granted last year, but if using funds for this purpose, must necessarily postpone improvements of other character.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for the coming year.

CHARLES F. ROPER,
GEORGE OTIS DRAPER,
FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Board of Park Commissioners.

Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1903.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HOWARD W. BRACKEN, Chairman	.	.	.	1906
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary	.	.	.	1904
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER	.	.	.	1905
HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent.				

[Office hours: Dutcher street building, Thursdays, 3 to 5.]

TRUANT OFFICERS.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR, SAMUEL SNODGRASS.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 14 AND 16.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

General appropriation	\$14,000 00
Supplies and materials sold	17 95
One half repairs on South Hopedale cemetery fence	15 00
	\$ 14,032 95

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Teaching:—

Hopedale, including high school	\$8,144 50
South Hopedale	559 50

Care of buildings:—

Hopedale	1,064 57
South Hopedale	43 00

Fuel:—

Hopedale	1,599 41
South Hopedale	36 42
Text-books and supplies	649 16

Repairs:—

Hopedale:—

Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware, etc.	89 31
H. H. Lent, carpentry	210 87
Draper Co., material, labor, etc.	54 22
Eldredge & Son, painting	121 42
Geo. A. Barnard, repairing roof	15 10
W. D. Creighton, painting flag- poles	15 00
A. C. Kinney, labor	1 25
A. Albee, masonry	5 15
S. Snodgrass	3 25

South Hopedale:—

Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware, etc.	\$ 36 00
H. H. Lent, carpentry	45 53
Eldredge & Son, painting	53 34
W. D. Creighton, painting flag pole	4 00

Supervision:—

H. F. Taylor	546 65
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Transportation:—

J. M. French & Son	670 00
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Improvements:—

Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight	2 23
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Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture	130 45
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Incidentals:—

Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	45 03
Hopedale Stable, trucking	4 75
Draper Co., labor and material	45 53
S. B. Lyon, tuning pianos	23 50
Blodgett Bros. & Co., electrical supplies	8 65
T. C. Thurlow, shrubs	23 50
G. W. Green, supplies	1 50
Hopedale park department, labor	5 85
H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas	2 05
C. E. Roberts, Mgr., boiler insurance	42 50
Cook & Sons, printing	3 00
Milford Daily News, printing	3 00
H. H. Lent, carpentry	20 04
Howes & Howes, supplies	7 26

L. A. Lamson & Son, supplies	\$14 09
Balance overdrawn	\$505 44

\$14,538 39 \$14,538 39

The above report includes all bills belonging to the school department for the year 1903.

The account shows overdrawn \$505.44. This is entirely due to the two items of fuel and repairs. The fuel account is based upon higher prices per ton for coal than for several years, and we have had a larger quantity delivered, as, owing to the coal famine of 1902-3, we could only obtain coal in small lots, and there was none on hand in our bins in December, 1902, while we have at the present time the usual amount in the bins. The balance unexpended in 1902 will offset the amount overdrawn for fuel in 1903.

There has been an increase in the number of children in the town over previous years, due to the building of houses and occupancy by additional families. It became necessary, as stated at the March meeting in 1903, to open the remaining room in the old grammar school building in September, calling for an additional teacher. For the year 1904 we shall need to provide for running this room for the entire school year instead of one term.

Our superintendent, Mr. Herbert F. Taylor, was offered a position elsewhere at a very material advance last summer, but the joint district was fortunate in being able to make arrangements mutually satisfactory whereby he has remained with us.

The school buildings are now in reasonably good condition and repair, but the brick school building is lacking in one very material point, i. e., the capacity of the heating apparatus. The boiler, as nearly as we can ascertain by tests and examination, is only about two thirds the size that it should have been. The result is that during every extremely cold spell of weather it involves very much more labor and a waste of fuel, to keep the rooms in proper condition for the schools.

The boiler and building have been examined by the state

inspector, by the maker of the boiler, and also by a competent disinterested steam engineer, all of whom confirm the facts, which have again during the present winter been confirmed by the daily results.

We have had an estimate made to cover the cost of an additional boiler to be used during such part of the year as needed, and recommend that this additional boiler be purchased and installed the coming season and that a special appropriation of \$950 be made to cover this expense.

For the year 1904, we recommend an appropriation of \$14,500, to include transportation of children from South Hopedale, the continuation of kindergarten, and all other regular school expenses.

For the school committee,

FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPE DALE:—

I herewith submit the tenth annual report of the superintendent of schools, and the second of the present incumbent.

The improvement in your schools during the time I have been connected with them has been along old-fashioned lines, for while there has been no change in the time schedule of studies, more emphasis has been placed on the three R's.

This emphasis has not been due to a failure to appreciate the value of the studies which have been introduced to enrich the grammar school course. These enrichment studies have not been introduced because of fads, as many people believe, but because, as society becomes more complex in its interests and requirements, the schools must meet the new conditions. Educators have sought to fit the children for life as they will find it when they leave school, not the life of fifty or even twenty-five years ago.

However, because of the increased time and attention given to the branches which enlarge the child's horizon and beautify his life, the tendency has been to neglect those branches which must furnish him the means of living. An increased knowledge of psychology and pedagogy has been applied in the effort to do the fundamentals more rapidly to get time for the newer branches, rather than to do the fundamentals better in the same time.

This has led to the criticisms that oratory or public speaking is a lost art, (a criticism which a perusal of the speeches made in Congress seems to bear out;) that the graduates of our public schools write badly, and add a column of figures with slowness and inaccuracy. The critics do not appreciate that the typewriter and adding machine will soon

make writing and ciphering much less in demand than formerly, exactly as modern cotton machinery has relegated the spinning wheel and hand loom to the garret.

But because the demands of the business world require stenography and typewriting to do the work formerly done with a pen, the public high schools of those communities of sufficient size to demand it, have put in a business course. This is but a single illustration of the efforts of the school to adjust itself to the changed conditions of the life of today.

With these added demands on our public schools, demands which economic evolution will increase rather than decrease, it seems the part of wisdom to see to it that the best of the old is retained as a foundation upon which to build.

As reading is the most useful means of acquiring knowledge, special emphasis has been put on that during the past year. This has been done by insisting that all articulation from the printed or written page, whether concerning Arithmetic, Geography, History, or Literature, be clear and intelligent. Quantity has been deliberately sacrificed to quality with good results.

The last period on Fridays in both the grammar and high schools has been devoted to rhetoricals, and the declamations have in many cases been the original compositions of the speakers.

In Arithmetic, Colburn's Intellectual Arithmetic has been placed in grades from four to nine inclusive, and daily drill from its pages required. This oral work might be preparatory to the written work of the day from the regular textbook, or it might be for the mental drill in arithmetic processes. The apparent result has been increased rapidity with the same or increased accuracy. It has not made, and will not make mathematical prodigies of our children, for the marvelous rapidity which astonishes us in the expert book-keeper or accountant was acquired in his daily contact with figures after he left school. It is the adaptation of his mental faculties to the conditions of life to which his tastes have attracted him.

Writing has also received much attention this year. As

you know, many cities and towns of our state have adopted the medial slant to replace the vertical, on the plea that the vertical is slow, and distasteful to business men on that account. The slowness due to increased legibility we may readily pardon, even commend, but if the slowness is due to the same cause that made the old slant unsatisfactory, namely, poor teaching, we can disarm the criticism of slowness by better teaching.

If in the lower grades the teacher discusses carefully the proportions of each letter, and supplements such discussion by invariably forming the letters perfectly herself when writing on the board, it is possible for a child at the end of the sixth year to form the letters correctly. In the seventh, eighth and ninth grades make *speed* the chief aim, but insist that each letter be just as perfectly formed. Note-taking will not then degenerate into scribbling.

Whatever the final decision concerning the relative merits of the vertical and medial slant it would seem unwise to make a change in grades other than the primary, for as the present chaotic condition of our penmanship is due to a confusion of slants, to add another would be confusion worse confounded.

That the fine arts have received their share of attention may be determined by reading the reports of the special instructors in drawing and music. No more disinterested and therefore valuable commendation of the work of our special teachers can be found than in the unanimous praise accorded their work by the teachers and superintendents from other cities and towns who have visited Hopedale schools.

While the visits of the superintendents are most enjoyable, the joy is not always unmixed with regret, as they are often looking for teachers.

Thanks to a liberal policy on your part, the losses during the year have been few. Miss Watson resigned on account of ill health, and Miss Norman resigned during the spring term. Miss Marjorie Huse resigned to accept a position at Newton in December. Her withdrawal from the corps was a source of regret to school authorities and townspeople.

The size of the ninth grade did not permit its admission

to the high school building as was done last year, so the last unoccupied room in the Hopedale Street building was opened with the sixth grade, the ninth being retained in the Dutcher Street building. This necessitated a new teacher, and Miss Bertha M. Rogers, a graduate of the Worcester Normal School and a teacher of five years' experience in the schools of Greenfield, was selected for the seventh grade. Miss A. Edith Taylor was elected to the eighth grade. This has, I think, materially strengthened the teaching in the upper grades. At the high school Miss Edith Goddard, a graduate of both college and normal school, is doing most satisfactory work.

Next year, for the first time in four years, there will be four classes at the high school, and while the total number of pupils will not much exceed fifty, it is only a matter of a short time when more room will be needed at that building.

That our efforts to instruct the children have not been along materialistic lines alone may be shown from the following works of art, added to the school rooms during the year: Bambino, by Andrea della Robbia; Boys with Trumpets and Boys with Drums, by Luca della Robbia; Diana of Versailles; bust of Shakespeare, by Roubilliac; the Triumph of Alexander, by Thorwaldsen.

Besides the above casts, two copies of the bust of Washington by Houdon were presented by Mr. F. J. Dutcher, and the pictorial story of the United States Flag, artistically framed, was given by the Woman's Relief corps.

The class of 1903 presented the high school with a facsimile of a portion of the frieze from the Parthenon. A fine carbon reproduction of Sir Galahad was also purchased.

The money for the purchase of the decorations was secured by a presentation of Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth," given by local talent, most of whom were not connected with the public schools. Our most sincere thanks are extended them for the time and effort spent.

This in brief has been the work of the year, a year which has had a clearly defined aim, and a large measure of success in accomplishing the aim. This success has been almost en-

tirely due to the earnest, conscientious efforts of the teachers, whose devotion and loyalty to their work merit the highest commendation.

I also wish to tender you my appreciation of your help and cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

DRAWING TEACHER'S REPORT.

To Mr. H. F. TAYLOR, Superintendent of Schools:—

Truth and beauty are so closely allied that we may almost measure a country's morals as we may wholly measure its civilization by its standards in art. The aim and result, then, in the teaching of drawing is the elevation of public taste.

The school year has been one of pleasure and of growth. As last year, an endeavor has been made to keep the programs in harmony with the seasons, and thus to keep in touch with the beauty all about us.

Briefly outlined, the course is as follows: Nature study, to train the power of observation; color study, to train the color sense and teach the children how to use colors harmoniously; mechanical drawing, to train the eye and hand to obey the mind with perfect service; design, to lead the children to a love of the beautiful and develop the power of original expression.

The work has been carried on in the same manner as last year. Teachers' meetings are held to explain the work for each month, and a lesson given in each grade each week supplemented in the grades below the high school by lessons given by the regular teachers.

With such generous support from the committee and superintendent, and teachers ever ready to carry out any suggestions given, the results must be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE ROBINSON.

MUSIC TEACHER'S REPORT.

MR. TAYLOR, Superintendent of Schools:—

We are pleased to report that taking the various grades in the aggregate, vocal music has reached a higher educational basis than ever before. The lessons this year have been unusually good. The vocal melody averages better than last year. The ability to read music rapidly is steadily increasing.

In order to secure confidence in themselves, pupils in many schools have been asked to sing alone, or in duets and trios, and to apply in some pleasing exercise the knowledge and proficiency they have gained. Tone tests have frequently been given for the purpose of ear training. The sounds are given by voice, and the scholars repeat the sounds by name.

I wish to emphasize most heartily the ability of the regular teachers, whose co-operation has made a success of the study, and the faithful and studious work of the pupils, whose interest in, and love for the subject gives promise of still better results in the future.

LILLIAN E. WOOD,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

HOPEDALE, MASS., Dec. 30, 1903.

MR. HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—

Two cases of truancy have required my services during the past year.

The laws in regard to the employment of minors have been properly observed by the various manufactories.

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL SNODGRASS,

Truant Officer.

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1903.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	WHERE FITTED.
High, Principal,	Arthur C. Johnson,	Nov., 1902,	Harvard University.
Assistant,	Edith Goddard,	Sept., 1903,	Rhode Island State College. Bridgewater Normal.
Dutcher Street, Principal, Grade 9	J. Angelina Smith,	Jan., 1900,	Framingham Normal.
Grade 8,	A. Edith Taylor,	Sept., 1903,	Boston University.
Grade 7,	Bertha M. Rogers,	Sept., 1903,	Worcester Normal.
Grade 6,	Cora A. Day,	Sept., 1901,	Fitchburg Normal.
Grade 5,	Eliza D. Howes,	Sept., 1901,	Hyannis Normal.
Grade 4,	Marjorie Huse,	Sept., 1899,	Framingham Normal.
Grade 3,	Kate B. Cristman,	Feb., 1900,	Framingham Normal.
Grade 2,	Miriam G. Bartlett,	Sept., 1898,	Bridgewater Normal.
Grade 1,	Ellen H. McNair,	Sept., 1902,	Framingham Normal.
Kindergarten,	Anna B. Carter,	Sept., 1898,	Wheelock School.
	Mabel F. Andrew,	June, 1897,	Wheelock School.
South Hopedale, Drawing,	Alice G. Phemister,	Sept., 1902,	Perry Kindergarten Normal
Music,	Annie A. Robinson,	Sept., 1900,	Normal Art School.
	Lillian E. Wood,	Sept., 1898,	

STATISTICAL TABLE, SEPTEMBER, 1902, TO JUNE, 1903.

ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.	KINDERGARTEN.										SUMMARY. (Exclusive of Kindergarten.)									
	GRADE I.	GRADE II.	GRADE III.	GRADE IV.	GRADE V.	GRADE VI.	GRADE VII.	GRADE VIII.	GRADE IX.	GRADE X.	SUMMARY.	SUMMARY.	GRADE IX.	GRADE X.	SUMMARY.	SUMMARY.	GRADE IX.	GRADE X.	SUMMARY.	SUMMARY.
Total enrolment	32	47	28	36	32	38	26	26	25	48	30	336	336	336	336	336	336	336	336	336
Average number belonging	26.85	36.82	28.25	31.47	28.21	32.01	24.55	23.48	21.24	44.5	30	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23	294.23
Average daily attendance	21.96	33.45	21.64	29.21	26.82	30.16	23.15	22.29	20.08	41.9	24.8	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5	273.5
Per cent of attendance	81.77	90.86	93.06	92.82	95.07	94.22	94.3	94.9	94.55	94.2	86.7	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95	92.95
Total days of absence	775	603	289	399	259.5	339.5	240.5	219.5	286.5	483	820.5	3940	3940	3940	3940	3940	3940	3940	3940	3940
Number cases of tardiness	35	65	26	10	20	40	33	14	29	20	19	276	276	276	276	276	276	276	276	276
Number cases of dismissal	3	11	9	14	19	23	22	27	37	82	7	261	261	261	261	261	261	261	261	261
Number cases of truancy	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Number cases of corporal punishment	1	1	0	0	3	5	3	0	1	0	0	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Number of visits by superintendent	21	16	16	19	22	15	17	25	27	39	20	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	237
Number of visits by others	63	21	22	31	23	6	9	2	59	23	23	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217	217
Number under 5 years of age (Kindergarten)	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	Boys. Girls. Total.	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Number between 5 and 15	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	7 8 15	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Number between 7 and 14	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	133 163 296	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Number over 15	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	96 119 215	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
School Census, September 1, 1903;—	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	12 26 38	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Number of children in town between 5 and 15	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	130 146 276	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Number of children in town between 7 and 14	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	91 101 192	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·
Population of town, May 1, 1903	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997
Per cent of children between 5 and 15 to total population	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82	18.82

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1903-1904.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Lower Schools, 36 weeks,	Sept. 14, 1903	Dec. 18	Jan. 4, 1904	Mar. 25	April 11	June 17
Grades 7, 8, 9, 38 weeks,	Sept. 14, 1903	Dec. 24	Jan. 4, 1904	Apr. 1	April 11	June 17
High School, 40 weeks,	Sept. 8, 1903	Dec. 24	Jan. 4, 1904	Apr. 1	April 11	June 24

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Friday following, February 22, April 19, May 30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1904-1905.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Lower Schools, 36 weeks,	Sept. 12, 1904	Dec. 16	Jan. 2, 1905	Mar. 24	April 10	June 16
Grades 7, 8, 9, 38 weeks,	Sept. 6, 1904	Dec. 16	Jan. 2, 1905	Mar. 31	April 10	June 16
High School, 40 weeks,	Sept. 6, 1904	Dec. 23	Jan. 2, 1905	Mar. 31	April 10	June 23

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Friday following, February 22, April 19, May 30.

GRADUATING EXERCISES,

CLASS OF 1903,

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL,

Thursday Evening, June 18, 1903.

PROGRAM.

Song—Damascus March	School.	Costa
Songs—(a) When the Sun in Splendor Rising (b) The Old Guard	School.	Donizetti Rodni
Address—Loyalty to People and Places	Superintendent William C. Bates, Fall River.	
Song—Be Glad, Lass and Lad	Girls' Chorus.	Gumbert
Presentation of Diplomas.		
Song—Bridal Chorus	School.	Cowen

GRADUATING CLASS.

Latin Course.

ROSE ISABELLE BROUGHEY,	ELLA LOUISE KNIGHT,
MABEL IRENE LAPWORTH.	

English Course.

CLARA MARIE COYNE,	ROY FRANK GASKILL,
BESSIE MAY LORD,	FLORA MESSINGER.

Certificates for Partial Course.

ETHELWYN BRITTON,	CHARLES ASA WESTCOTT.
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Class Motto: "Out of School Life into Life's School."

Class Color—Nile Green.	Class Flower—Daybreak Pink.
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ROLL OF HONOR.

TWELVE TERMS.

Silas Williams—Grade IX.

TEN TERMS.

Charles Westcott—High.

EIGHT TERMS.

Ella Knight—High.

SEVEN TERMS.

Wilfred Pickard—Grade VII.

Louis Laventure—Grade II.

SIX TERMS.

Charles Sears—Grade V.

FIVE TERMS.

Marion Hussey—Grade V.

Lillian Worthen—South Hopedale.

THREE TERMS.

Harlow Adkins—High.

A. Freeman Messinger, Irene H. Kellogg—Grade VII.

Harold Brown, Henry Bromley, Bertha Meade, Gertrude Williams—Grade VI.

Hattie Durgin—Grade V.

Margaret Burke, Florence Dow—Grade IV.

Bessie Dow—Grade III.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

George Clifford—Grade IX.

William H. Brown, Edna L. Martin—Grade VIII.

Clifford E. Cook—Grade VII.

Arthur J. Chambers, Raymond Davis, Estella G. Stafford
—Grade VI.

Elsie Dow, Harriet Forbes, Frank Davis—Grade IV.

Walter Pickard—Grade III.

Donald McCaslin—Grade I.

FALL TERM.

Rose I. Broughey, Bessie Lord, Ava A. Hollis, Helen I. Sadler, Lilla E. Moore—High.

Edith W. Lowell, Roy H. Gaskill, Ruth L. Worthen, Willard F. Henry, Edgar C. Welch—Grade IX.

Percy Pickard—Grade VIII.

Ingeborg Danielson, Elizabeth Noyes, Margaret Steere, Viola Tracy, William Scriven, George Simmons, George Worthen—Grade VII.

John Broughey, Ethel Northrop—Grade VI.

Ellen Bassett, Marion Cook, Ada Munyon, Gordon Andrew, Gilbert Arnold, Raymond Sadler—Grade V.

Gertrude Crawford, Henning Danielson, Charles Dion, Horace Tillotson—Grade IV.

Carrie Durgin, Bessie Willard, Frank O'Neil—Grade III.

Marjorie Rockwood, Esther Vanslett, Walter Tillotson,
—Grade II.

John Burke—Grade I.

Bertha Tillotson, George Dion—Kindergarten.

WINTER TERM.

Raymond McCleary—High.

Myrtle Collins, Sophia Greenwood, Willard Henry, Harry Newman—Grade IX.

Viola Tracy, Albert J. Knox, Harry Scanlan, George Simmons—Grade VII.

Ethel Northrop—Grade VI.

Ellen Bassett, Grace Tillotson, Gilbert Arnold—Grade V.

Marion Tarbox—Grade III.

William Northrop—Grade II.

Andrew Martin—Grade I.

SPRING TERM.

Clara Coyne, Helen Sadler, Harlow Adkins, Flora Messinger, Warren Henry—High.

Ruth Worthen, Edith Lowell, George E. Clifford—Grade IX.

Clayton W. Gaskill, Percy W. Pickard, Harry C. Steele, Helen L. Howe, Gertrude M. Rockwell—Grade VIII.

Arthur D. Durgin, Elizabeth A. Noyes, Florence E. Forbes—Grade VII.

Fred Farrington—Grade VI.

Ada Munyon, Eva Vanslett, Adelaide Roeltgen, Gordon Andrew, Raymond Sadler—Grade V.

Beatrice Britten, Ada Sears, Charles Dion, Erwin Meade—Grade IV.

Ray Phipps—Grade III.

Harry Davis, William Northrop, Marjorie Rockwood—Grade II.

Hubert Draper, Mary Cundy, Annie Roeltgen—Grade I.

George Dion, Gladys Davis, Bertha Tillotson—Kindergarten.

Bertha Sears, Clayton Bates—South Hopedale.

BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM EDUCATIONAL LAWS.

1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public school during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 shall be employed "in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning, nor after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery

of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

9. "Every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls."

Eighteenth Annual Report

OF THE

Bancroft Memorial Library,

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1903.

TRUSTEES.

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Eighteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of The Bancroft Memorial Library.

The trustees of The Bancroft Memorial Library respectfully submit the eighteenth annual report.

We have now been four years in our new library building, and we are much pleased to report that during the past year we have had the largest circulation of books in our history. Last year we reported that in purchasing books we had given special attention to books of travel; we have continued this plan till this department now compares favorably with the others in the library.

We are fortunate in being able to continue the services of Miss Sornborger as librarian. She is desirous of serving the patrons in every possible way, not only in assisting in the reference room, but in selecting books for general reading. She has continued the plan of keeping books on the charging desk, to call attention to much that is instructive and valuable. She is aided in this by the bulletin board, which has been introduced this year, on which she places notices and criticisms of our new books, and calls attention to important articles in our magazines and to many noteworthy current events.

The Library Art Club has sent us nine exhibits during the year, which have proved of much interest: Canadian Pacific, Birds, China, Scotland, Russia, Rome, South Kensington museum, Paris, Passion play, Nuremberg. Besides these, Mr. Bossom generously loaned us an exceedingly interesting exhibition of photographs, collected from various parts of our country; these were especially enjoyed, and for them we extend our thanks. The public schools gave an exhibition of drawing, done by pen and brush by the pupils. This seemed of mutual benefit, and especially attracted the parents, some of whom had never before been in our beautiful library.

Mrs. Fred Ball kindly presented us with the autographs

of the following distinguished people: Mary A. Livermore, Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Lucy Stone, Mary Mann, Oliver Johnson, Helen C. Lewis, and Dio Lewis.

At the request of several residents of South Hopedale, we opened a branch library on March 6, when seventeen books and eighteen cards were given out. Mrs. A. F. W. Smith offered to take charge of the work, without compensation, and the books were received at and delivered from her home for five months, when her removal from town necessitated a change. The thanks of the trustees and the citizens who were accommodated are publicly extended to her. Then Miss Dewing kindly assumed the responsibility, and the experiment is still going on. This privilege is extended only to citizens of the town. There are always fifty books or more from which the people can choose; they can have new books sent down every week, and they can leave their cards for any desired book. The first five months 534 books were given out, the next five 171. The first place was a geographical centre, which probably accounts for the larger distribution of books. The expense for the ten months was \$7.73, a little more than a cent a book.

Many people who take magazines, after reading them, are glad to give some one else an opportunity to use them, but don't know how best to find readers. So we have placed a table inviting the people to give their recent publications, and inviting the public to take them. We have had hundreds generously given, and they have been eagerly taken. We shall continue this work, and we urge you who can, to give, and you who desire, to take.

We have finished putting in extra radiators in the stack room, which now permits us to keep the building comfortable, even in the coldest weather.

Again we wish to thank the public for constant and continued courtesy and consideration.

ANNA M. BANCROFT,
Chairman of the Trustees.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31, 1903.**

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$2,300 00
Proceeds dog tax	213 61
Fines	69 24
Books sold	72 46
Interest on Bancroft fund	40 00
Gen. Draper money spent	18 84
	————— \$2,714 15

Expenditures:—

Books:—

Appropriation	\$498 02
Interest, Bancroft fund	40 00
Gen. Draper money	18 84
	—————

Periodicals	126 07
Binding	97 20
Salaries	977 75
Heating	365 77
Lighting	287 60
Supplies	51 42
Printing	16 50
Express	18 10
Water	12 10
South Hopedale branch	7 73
Labor	13 11
Library art club	5 00
Bulletin board	15 00
Waxing floor	28 49
Change and repair electric lighting	34 66
Improving heating apparatus	100 79
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\$2,714 15

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The following lists show the number of books delivered for home use, and the number of visitors to the reading-room during 1902 and 1903.

Books Taken Out.		Visitors to the Reading-Room.		
	1902.	1903.	1902.	1903.
January,	1,700	1,880	791	907
February,	1,523	1,673	615	680
March,	1,592	1,766	730	780
April,	1,412	1,604	671	701
May,	1,360	1,382	559	636
June,	1,267	1,478	595	607
July,	1,317	1,304	534	581
August,	1,219	1,371	515	583
September,	1,553	1,500	789	740
October,	1,811	1,781	1,042	848
November,	1,807	1,816	951	720
December,	1,626	1,673	788	698
	—	—	—	—
	18,187	19,228	8,580	8,481

South Hopedale branch, 705.

Total number of books issued, 19,933.

Card-holders, 1042.

Registered in 1903	.	.	.	.	229
South Hopedale	.	.	.	.	42
					— 271
Withdrawn in 1903	.	.	.	.	242
Volumes in library, 9,966.					
Added during year:—					
By purchase, new	.	.	.	.	336
By purchase, to replace worn copies	.	.	.	.	29
By binding	.	.	.	.	57
By gift	.	.	.	.	73
					— 495

Fines, \$69.24.

Per cent of fiction circulated, 71.

Sunday visitors to the reading-room, 233.

BOOKS PURCHASED WITH MONEY GIVEN BY GEN. WM. F. DRAPER FOR BOOKS IN THE USEFUL ARTS.

Briggs, G. R. Plane analytic geometry.

Fox, T. W. Mechanism of weaving.

Gillette, H. P. Economics of road construction.

- Hiscox, G. D. Compressed air.
 Homans, J. E. Self-propelled vehicles.
 Jennings, A. S. Paint and colour mixing.
 Snow, C. H. Principal species of wood.
 Taggart, W. S. Cotton machinery sketches.
 Taylor, J. T. Cotton weaving and designing.
 Watson, A. E. How to build a one-fourth horse power motor or dynamo.

BOOKS PURCHASED WITH THE INTEREST OF THE BANCROFT FUND.

Nine volumes of the New International Encyclopædia.

GIFTS, 1903.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Armour Institute			1
Bancroft, Miss A. M.		1	
Burrell, E. M.			1
Draper Co.			2 1 yr.
Dutcher, F. J.	2		1 yr.
Dutcher, F. J.			77 nos.
Indian Rights Association			1
Libraries:—			Bul.
Boston Public Library			1
Brockton Public Library		1	1 yr.
Brookline Public Library		1	1 yr.
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library			1
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library			1
Everett, Parlin Memorial Library			1
Everett, Shute Library			1
Fall River Public Library			1
Grand Rapids Public Library			1
Greenfield Public Library			1
Lancaster Town Library			1
Lawrence Public Library			1
Leominster Public Library			1
Lynn Public Library			1
Malden Public Library			1

Natick, Morse Institute Library	1	
Newark, N. J., Free Library	1	4
Newton Free Library	1	
New Bedford Public Library	1	
North Adams Public Library	1	
Peabody Institute Library	1	1
Pittsburg Carnegie Library	1	
Providence Public Library	1	
Salem Public Library	1	
Southbridge Public Library	1	
Taunton Public Library	1	
Theological Library of Boston	1	
Uxbridge Public Library	1	
Weymouth, Tufts Library	2	
Worcester Public Library	1	
Lowell Textile School	1	
Massachusetts, State of	24	7
National Sound Money League	1	
Osgood, E. L.	3	
Pillsbury, A. E.	1	
Sornborger, Miss H. B.	1	
United States Government	43	108
Universalist Pub. Co.	1	
Worcester State Normal School	1	

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

(Those marked * are given.)

WEEKLIES.

American Machinist.	Outlook.
Automobile and Motor Review.	Public Opinion.
Electrical World and Engineer.	Scientific American.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated.	Scientific American Supplement.
Harper's Weekly.	Week's Progress.
Illustrated London News.	Woman's Journal.*
Life.	Youth's Companion.
Milford Gazette.*	
Official Gazette.*	

MONTHLIES.

American Advocate of Peace.*	Machinery.
Arena.	Manifesto.*
Atlantic.	Masters in Art.
Bookman.	Munsey's.
Century.	Musician.
Cosmopolitan.	New England.
Cumulative Index to Periodicals.	Nineteenth Century.
Delineator.	North American Review.
Educational Review.	Outing.
Engineering Magazine.	Photo-Era.
Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine.	Popular Science Monthly.
Good Housekeeping.	Protectionist.*
Gunton's Magazine.	Review of Reviews.
Harper's Magazine.	St. Nicholas.
Harper's Bazar.	Scientific American. Building Supplement.
International Studio.	Scribner's.
Ladies' Home Journal.	Success.
Library Journal.	Textile Record.*
Lippincott's.	Woman's Home Companion.
McClure's.	World's Work.

QUARTERLIES.

Forum.	Technology Review.*
International Quarterly.	

DAILIES.

Boston Herald.	Milford Daily Journal.*
Boston Journal.	Milford Daily News.*

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